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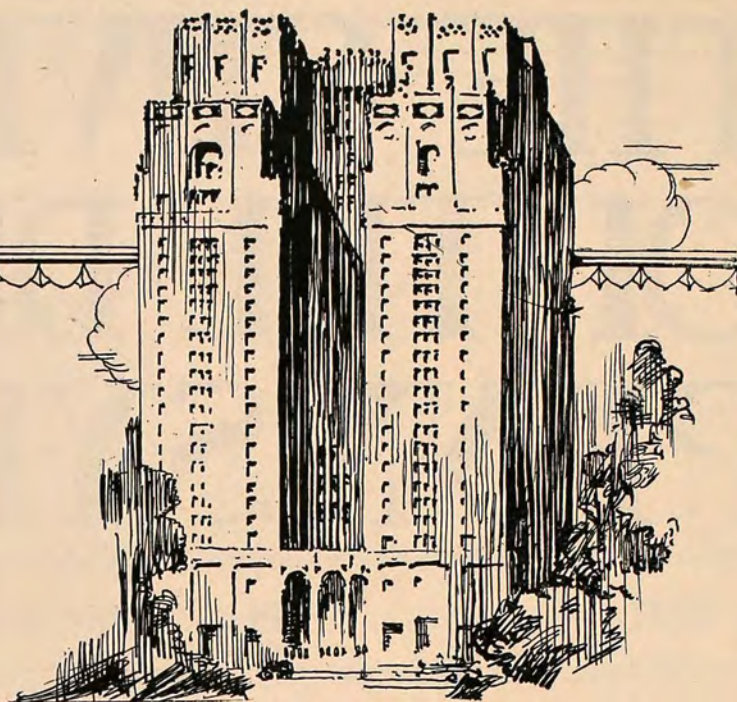
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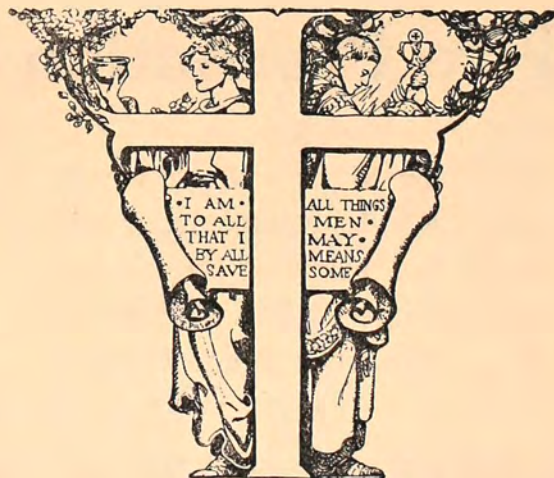
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Review of Diocesan Convention

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The visit of the Very Rev. William Ralph Inge, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was the outstanding feature of the Diocesan Convention, held in Holy Trinity Church on May 5th and 6th. Over a thousand people were assembled, the visitors coming in such large numbers that the Convention declared a recess, in order that the overflow from the Visitors' galleries might be given seats on the main floor of the church, which usually is reserved exclusively for clerical and lay members of the Convention.

The Bishop had assigned to Colonel William P. Barba the honor of meeting the distinguished visitor at the entrance of the church and escorting him to the chancel. The Deputies and visitors rose to greet the Dean as he was escorted through the middle aisle and formally presented to the Bishop.

After a most charming introduction by Bishop Garland to the Convention, Dean Inge addressed the Deputies, pleading for America to do what she can to save Europe from itself, especially in trying to encourage any overtures for the establishing of permanent peace. He stated that it is the task and duty of the Christian Church to heal the breach which has come between theology and secular knowledge, science, etc. He also expressed his admiration of the work and influence of the Society of Friends, and stated that during his sojourn in Philadelphia, he was the guest of a Quaker.

The Bishop's introduction and an abstract of the Dean's address will be found in another column of this issue.

The Convention is fortunate in having on its Committee of Arrangements a Clergyman, who before his ordination, was an electrical engineer. This Committee had installed in the Convention Church an electrical voice amplifier, which greatly facilitated the audibility of the many speakers, especially those who took the trouble to walk forward and speak into the microphones. This

arrangement so improved conditions that the Convention unanimously approved the action of the Committee in the installation, and authorized its continuance at subsequent conventions.

Another evidence that the Church is utilizing the conveniences of this mechanical age was manifested when the delegates began to swarm out of the Church at the noon recess on the first day, to be met by a moving picture camera man, who made a film of the men as they chatted together on their way to lunch. It is understood that this was only the first of many pictures to be "shot" in a project of the Church Club to produce an extensive and complete film of the Diocese and its various activities.

The Bishop's Annual Address, which was followed with intense interest by all, made us realize afresh that we are a great Diocese, with vast responsibilities and opportunities, and accomplishing an extensive work. The number of clergy canonically connected with the Diocese of Pennsylvania is 289. Some ten new buildings have been erected or purchased by the parishes and missions of the Diocese within a year, including churches, parish houses and rectories, and many of the older buildings have been improved with renovations, heating plants, and various memorials too numerous to mention. Certain Church institutions have also been pursuing building programs, such as the Farm School, Seamen's Institute, and the Divinity School.

Bishop Garland also indicated that the giving of the Diocese for missions during the past year was greater than ever before, including the Japan Reconstruction Fund of almost \$250,000. The latter accomplishment was an object lesson to the Church at large, and similar diocesan campaigns are now being conducted elsewhere, stimulated by the success of Pennsylvania. A survey of the needs for missions within the borders of our own Diocese has been planned for

the coming year. In this survey it is intended to conserve the strength of the whole Church in the Diocese that it may meet the ever-changing conditions, and by co-operation continue the work in every community, as well as reach out into the suburban sections which are so rapidly developing. Many other interesting items are to be found in this address, which is printed elsewhere in these columns.

Much time was consumed in the discussion of some few matters which did not seem to hold much interest for most of the delegates. For instance: a lengthy explanation and discussion of a recommendation that the principle of rotation in office as it applies to members of the Executive Council who are appointed by the Bishop and Standing Committee, be suspended. Then, there was a long discussion on granting a seat and a voice in the Convention to one representative from each organized mission. The Convention was slow to dispose of these matters, and their passage was tedious.

But when some large principle of real constructive progress was clearly stated to the body, it was quick to perceive its significance, and decided in its approval. This was evidenced in such matters as the endorsement of the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge plan for the participation of the United States in the World Court.

Action instructing the Deputies from this Diocese to the General Convention to ask that body to consider the advisability of reducing the apportionment of the National Council to the sum of Three Million Dollars, instead of \$3,900,000, involved what may lead to an entire reconsideration of the Nation-Wide Program of the Church. Pennsylvania is in accord with Massachusetts in this action, and as a result of this leadership the whole question of financing General Missions may be laid open for discussion and alteration. The same evidence of forward movement was apparent in the ready and unanimous as-

sent of the Convention to a recommendation that the minimum salaries of the Clergy be increased. Another resolution which met with the prompt approval of the Convention was that authorizing the procuring and hanging in the Church House of a portrait of Bishop Rhinelander. The only amendment of this resolution was to enlarge its scope to include the portraits of all former Bishops of the Diocese whose pictures have not been previously secured.

On recommendation of the Committee on Charters, the Church of the Redeemer, Andalusia, was accepted as an independent Parish, and admitted into union with the Convention. Previously this Church was a parochial Chapel of All Saints' Church, Torresdale. It holds the unique position of being the only religious institution in this growing community at the lower end of Bucks County, just over the City Line. Under the able leadership of Rev. Walter Marvin, a retired Chaplain of the United States Army, who becomes its first Rector, the Church of the Redeemer functions most efficiently in its ministrations to people of all sorts who reside in Andalusia, and its work will be greatly strengthened by the recognition accorded by the Convention.

Interesting and spirited discussion of the place of women in the administration of the business affairs of the Church was brought before this Convention. Approval was given to a change in the charter of St. Simeon's Church, permitting women to vote for and to serve as members of the Vestry in that Parish. On the other hand, an attempt to adopt a resolution providing for the election of six women to the Executive Council was vigorously debated, and eventually postponed until the next meeting of the Convention, one year hence.

The usual evening session for the presentation of reports on the work and problems of our Diocesan Missionaries in the several Convocations was omitted this year. Indeed, there was a complete absence of any adequate presentation to the Diocesan Convention of the extensive Missionary activities carried on under its direction.

The business of elections, always important, and commanding a wide interest, consumed much time, and gave rise to endless confusion. Immediately upon the organization of the Convention, on the morning of the first day's session, discussion arose concerning methods of procedure in the elections. Several times during the sessions, after recesses to take ballots, the judges of election came in with amusing and tedious reports, frequently showing little progress towards the filling of offices, and neces-

WORLD COURT RESOLUTION Adopted by Convention

WHEREAS the taking of practical steps to minimize the danger of further wars is the most vital problem of the world today; and

WHEREAS the relation of the United States of America towards the World Court will become the unfinished business of the Senate on December 17th next; and

WHEREAS the adherence of the United States of America to the World Court on certain terms safeguarding the interests of our country has been recommended by President Harding and Secretary Hughes and President Coolidge, and has been endorsed by leading associations of lawyers and business men and women; and

WHEREAS we believe that it is the duty of Christian bodies to express themselves plainly upon the subject.

RESOLVED, That the Diocese of Pennsylvania of the Protestant Episcopal Church in annual convention assembled heartily endorses the adherence of the United States to the World Court plan on the Harding - Hughes - Coolidge terms, and expresses the hope that the Senate of the United States will promptly give its consent to such step; and

RESOLVED, That we urge on the Senators from the State of Pennsylvania that they will be representing the sentiment of their constituents if they support the action suggested in the foregoing resolution.

RESOLVED further, That the deputies of this Diocese to the General Convention of this Church to meet in New Orleans in October, 1925, be instructed to use their best efforts to secure the adoption of similar resolutions by the General Convention.

sitating other recesses and other ballots. At the close of the afternoon of the second day, the last half hour, while the dwindling house sat waiting for the final report of the tellers on the election of Alternate Deputies to the General Convention, the time was given over to further discussion of methods for the solution of this vexing and ever-present detail of convention procedure. It is realized that no system of elections can function smoothly which is handled by a committee appointed after the Convention assembles, without opportunity to study and prepare adequately for the handling of the ballot. Hope is held out for improvement in this detail by the appointment of an Election Commit-

tee far in advance of the next Convention, to study the situation and recommend some system which will expedite the voting.

The election to membership on the Standing Committee and Executive Council and for Deputies and Alternates to the General Convention resulted as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEE

Clerical: The Revs. George G. Bartlett, Edward M. Jeffreys, J. De Wolf Perry, Francis M. Taitt, and Louis C. Washburn.

Lay: Messrs. Edward H. Bonsall, A. J. County, W. W. Frazier, Jr., S. F. Houston, and R. F. Wood.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Clerical: The Revs. George G. Bartlett, C. E. Eder, F. C. Harts-horne, G. E. Pember, and P. R. Stockman. (Election of the sixth Clerical member, by vote of the Convention, was left to the decision of the Council at its June meeting.)

Lay: Messrs. C. E. Beury, J. J. Collier, A. J. County, G. W. Jacobs, W. H. Jefferys. (Election of sixth Lay member also left to the decision of the Council at its June meeting.)

DEPUTIES, GENERAL CONVENTION

Clerical: The Revs. George C. Foley, E. M. Jeffreys, F. M. Taitt, and F. W. Tomkins.

Lay: Messrs. W. P. Barba, E. H. Bonsall, S. F. Houston, and J. S. Newbold.

ALTERNATES, GENERAL CONVENTION

Clerical: The Revs. L. N. Caley and Carl E. Grammer.

Lay: Messrs. J. Wilson Bayard and A. J. County.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS PRESENTING DEAN INGE TO THE CONVENTION

In presenting Dean Inge to the Deputies and those who occupied seats not reserved for the Deputies, Bishop Garland said:

"We have been much indebted to the Diocese of London as in our Colonial days we were under the fostering care of the Bishop of that Diocese. The early missionaries of our Church were sent out by him and were largely supported by the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

"During our history we have entertained many distinguished men from the Mother Church, numbering among them the Deans of Canterbury and of Westminster. We have had in the past decade the privilege of having with us your Diocesan, both of your Archbishops and many distinguished Bishops and other Clergymen, but I can assure you, there is none whom we are more delighted to welcome than yourself.

"In this city you will find many friends. Philadelphia is a conservative city. This is a conservative Diocese and, therefore, there are many in it who sympathize with your reluctance to accept every suggested panacea that is guaranteed to produce economic peace and progress.

"From its earliest days Philadelphia has been a seat of learning. Therefore there are many who hail you as a leader in this modern age, one who recognizing the hypotheses of science and accepting the proved discoveries of men of science, holds fast to the essential things of our faith, and preaches Christianity to a scientific age.

"In Philadelphia we have the old scientific Society in the United States, the American Philosophical Society, and many of our people are interested in philosophy, so there are many here who look upon you as the prophet of a new age and sit at your feet as you teach the philosophy of the Christian life. To them you are a worthy successor of the great master of Balliol. But you can feel perfectly at home here, for there are many others in this Diocese who totally disagree with those I have mentioned. You are, therefore, not at all in danger of making the mistake that some people make when they forget the old warning, 'woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you.'

"We are glad to welcome you to the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Our only regret is that your visit is such a short one. We hope that you will soon return as a guest of the Diocese and spend a little longer time with us. Though we have entertained many distinguished men in the past, this is the first time such a representative body of the Church in Pennsylvania has ever been addressed by a distinguished visitor from the Mother Church. You are the first Dean of St. Paul's to visit us, and this is the first time in the 140 years of the Diocese of Pennsylvania that we have had at a Convention of this Diocese the privilege and honor of welcoming a distinguished visitor from the Church of England.

"I therefore take great pleasure in presenting to you the members of the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania which embraces all the Clergy of our Diocese and the elected representatives from all our parishes. Gentlemen of the Convention and their friends, the Very Rev. Dean of St. Paul's."

ABSTRACT OF DEAN INGE'S ADDRESS TO CONVENTION

The major portion of the Dean's address to the Convention was an appeal for a better understanding between religion and science and a call upon America to put forth her best efforts to preserve peace among all nations and to save the world from another horrible and hideous war.

In his opening the Dean expressed appreciation at the warmth and cordiality of the greeting accorded him

In his discussion of religion and science the speaker expressed the thought that there is, or was at any rate in the last century, too much taken for granted that religion and science must always be enemies. He told of hours he had spent in New York's Museum of Natural History. "No one can spend hours there," he added, "without feeling it is really a new revelation men of science have made known to us. * * * There are many other things there which fill one with awe and wonder and with a sense of astonishment at the manifold beauty of creation. Now all of that is surely something which the Church ought to gather and make the most of, and to realize that the morality of the future must be largely colored by a scientific way of looking at things. * * *

"In my own country there are several first-rate men of science who are feeling their way to a more spiritualistic interpretation of the universe, which may enable them to be religious without denying any of the things which they as men of science must believe. I do not think they have yet solved the questions they are at work on. But they are at work. There are a great many scientific men who are earnestly desirous of finding the spiritual interpretation of reality, and they are willing to work with the churches.

"I won't attempt to indicate whether there are changes imminent in our traditional presentation of Christianity. Some changes may come. It is a difficult question to answer. But in my opinion the most necessary thing for the churches to do now is to heal the wounds which have been open too long between theology and the best secular knowledge. Spiritually the world is one. The Spirit of Truth will enlighten all who are wholeheartedly giving their lives to the study of God's Word. There ought to be no hostility, no strife; and I hope in this country—in this America—and I am sure it is so—there will be a strong lead in that general direction

MANY ATTEND RECEPTION AT THE BISHOP'S HOUSE

The Reception to the Deputies of the Convention and their wives by the Bishop and Mrs. Garland on Monday night, May 4, at the Bishop's House, was outstanding in the large number of those who were present, and as an evidence of affection and loyalty. Upwards of 600 greeted the Bishop and Mrs. Garland. Virtually every parish and mission in the Diocese was represented by one or more of the Clergy and laity. The Deans of the Convocations assisted in receiving.

URGE PARISHES TO HELP EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

Necessity for immediate and definite steps to enlist increased support of the Episcopal Hospital from the parishes of the Diocese, was pointed out by the Rev. Louis C. Washburn in submitting to the Diocesan Convention the 1924 report of the hospital.

The general expenses of the hospital for 1924, the report set forth, amounted to \$472,270.37. Collections from the churches yielded but \$29,362.29, though the Diocesan Budget calls for \$45,000. In the past year, the report states, there were treated 6147 patients in the hospital proper, while in the dispensaries 28,648 sought relief. The report added that the hospital has a continuing daily household of 800 souls.

"With reiterated assurance of our hearty appreciation of the generous interest of each one who contributed to this worthy enterprise," the report continued, "it is still obvious that something immediate and definite should be done to enlist a larger measure of support from the present generation of church folk."

Outstanding urgent needs are a new set of steam boilers, enlargement of Nurses' Home, a Maternity building and a separate ward for private patients.

The report points out that in another year will occur the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Hospital. "And shall not the Anniversary be marked," the report adds, "by an offering sufficient to enlarge the Nurses' Home and erect the indispensable new building?"

"In this Report your Committee cannot presume to go further than to pave the way for whatever definite and authoritative action may yet be taken by the Board; but here and now it seems in order to state that the situation confronting us calls for an undelayed outlay of approximately \$1,000,000."

THE CATHEDRAL LEAGUE

The Bishop has appointed the following officers of the Cathedral League:

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Dean Inge

Unique was the interest felt in the academic, literary and theological circles of Philadelphia at the arrival in our midst of Dean Inge. The Quaker City was glad to welcome the student of Mysticism, who has shown so successfully that the Anglo-Saxon race is richer in Mystics than is generally conceded, and has argued so strongly for the value of the mystic experience.

Even more general was the curiosity about the author of the *Outspoken Essays*, which have stimulated so much thought by their pungent wit, their incisive scorn of shallow optimism, their rebellion against the tyranny of King Demos, their contempt of cheap remedies, and easy solutions. Expectation was not disappointed when the Dean walked up the aisle of Holy Trinity by the side of Mr. Barba, and was introduced to the Bishop of the Diocese. As he turned and faced the Convention, the scholar and wit were clearly revealed.

One felt instantly that an intellectual athlete stood before us; that our visitor was not a spirit that would receive impressions passively like wax, but that there was going on in him rapid movements of thought, generating an electric current, that would soon be felt; in short that he was evidently here to impress others, as well as to receive impressions. Such was the message of the eye and brow; which bespoke the author of the *Outspoken Essays*. The mouth, on the contrary, revealed in its sweet sensitiveness the student of Plotinus and Mysticism.

His embarrassed manner and vocal limitations belonged to the scholar and thinker, and were somewhat surprising in the chief preacher of a metropolitan Cathedral, until one recalled the peculiar position of an English Dean, who is so often a scholarly liberal, not churchly enough, nor popular enough as a pulpit orator nor administrator enough to be acceptable as a bishop, but too much of an ornament of the Church to be left undistinguished and therefore is promoted to a Deanship.

A prominent lady who came over from Presbyterianism to the Church of England, confessed that she did not really care for the Episcopal Church, but that her real devotion was to the *Decanal* Church. The lady had in mind, particularly Dean Stanley, who was in his day, as Dean of Westminster Abbey, preeminently "The Dean," as in an earlier generation the Duke of Wellington was par excellence, "The Duke."

Since the days of Dean Church, however, the Dean of St. Paul's has been coming more and more into prominence. Elected last summer President of the Churchmen's Union, as successor of the late Dean of Carlisle, the lamented Dr. Hastings Rashdell, the present Dean of



Who Says the Dean is "Gloomy"?

St. Paul's has the distinction of being today the most outstanding Dean in England, the leading figure in a class of men, whom Lord Macaulay was fond of pointing to as the exponents of the best thought and scholarship of that Church which Casaubon characterized as the wonder of the world for its learning.

The list of the Dean's writings will be of interest. In 1889 he delivered the Bampton Lectures on Christian Mysticism. Its fine promise was fulfilled in the works that succeeded it, "Faith and Knowledge" (1904), "Truth and Falsehood in Religion" (1906), "Personal Idealism and Mysticism" (1907), "Faith and its Psychology" (1910), "Speculum Animae" (1911), "Outspoken Essays" (both series), and "The Life of Devotion" (1924). Many of the Dean's admirers hold that his greatest contribution to religious literature is his Gifford Lectures on Plotinus, which illustrate Whichcote's golden saying, "Sir, I oppose not rational to spiritual, for spiritual is most rational."

The immense labor and study that went into the production of books of such profundity of thought, as well as charm of style, gave weight to all our visitor's utterances. It was doubtless due the circumstances under which we met that the brilliant wit and critic of

the *Outspoken Essays* was more in evidence than the student of Mysticism.

As the Dean has always been inclined to distrust Democracy, and to rely on Experts, it is pleasant to know that America has impressed him so favorably. For my own part, I cannot see why the adjective "shallow" should be so exclusively applied to Optimism. Surely there is such a thing as a shallow Pessimism. "If hopes deceive, fears may be liars."

But I shall not criticize the Dean for his attacks on shallow Optimism. Let us accept from each—Poet, Artist, Prophet—what he is equipped or commissioned to give. Others can bid us hope, and encourage us to believe that the spirit of God, moving on the hearts of humanity is creating out of this world, where there is now so much disorder, a kosmos; that Democracy under the influence of Christianity will prove the road to the Kingdom of God. This hope is the pole-star by which we guide our bark. But let us not in our admiration of its serene beauty underestimate the service of those who map out the dangerous shoals and perilous headlands. We thank Dean Inge for his warnings. Perhaps after this visit he may thank America for a new hopefulness in his own outlook. CARL E. GRAMMER.

The Bishop's Annual Address

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

This Convention completes my first year as Bishop of the Diocese. For the two winters preceding I acted as Ecclesiastical Authority, and naturally there is no particular element of novelty in the work.

I desire to express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation given to me by all our official Boards and Committees. The Episcopal Residence has been put in first-class condition, thanks to the generous provision made for that purpose last year, and the plans carried out by the Standing Committee.

I do not think that the members of this Convention fully realize how much self-sacrificing labor must be given to the affairs of a great Diocese like ours by the officers elected on our various Boards—the Standing Committee, our Executive Council (with all its Departments), and others. They are instant "in season, out of season," in attending to their duties. I will not refer at length to the many interests which have received their careful consideration, but I hope that every member of the Convention will carefully read their reports when they are published in the Journal.

During the past year the offerings for the Bishop's Fund have amounted to \$3425.20, from 130 Churches and Missions. It is the largest sum ever given in the history of the Diocese for this purpose, and I appreciate this generous response on the part of our people.

There are many calls on this Fund. A great part of it was spent on relief and other necessities in the families of the clergy, and practically all the balance on business connected with the missionary work in our Diocese.

In addition to the offerings in the Churches I made an appeal to a few persons, and received and distributed the sum of \$1500, to pay for sundry items incurred during the administration of my predecessor, but for which he was not personally responsible, as they were undertaken for the Diocese. One of these was a bill amounting to over \$700 for the service of an architect in preparing plans for a building that was not erected, and practically all the balance was spent on work among the Foreign-Born—most of it for lawyer's fees and other legal expenses in connection with the Hungarian Reformed congregation. There is over \$500 due on this last account, but I trust that it will be finally settled within a few months and all outstanding bills paid.

St. Aidan's Chapel and Parish House, Cheltenham, have been erected during the past year, the cornerstone being laid on June 24th, and the first service in the new building being held on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th.

The basement of the Parish House of St. Gabriel's Church on the Boulevard was completed and occupied last September.

The new Glenside Parish House of St. Peter's at

Weldon was opened on November 13th. The building and ground cost \$28,000.

A new Parish House has been erected for St. John's, Lansdowne, at a cost of about \$35,000.

The Church of The Holy Innocents, Tacony, has purchased a Rectory at a cost of \$13,000; and a Rectory has also been purchased for the Church of The Advent, Kennett Square, for \$8500.

A Parish House for St. David's Church, Radnor, has been erected as a memorial to Ellen Waln Harrison, wife of Charles Custis Harrison, a gift of their children, and will be dedicated in the autumn.

Ground has been broken for a new Parish House of The House of Prayer, Branchtown, and the cornerstone will be laid next month.

St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, has built a new Rectory on the Church grounds, and the Rectory at Drexel Hill is now ready for occupancy.

A lot has been purchased for the new Mission at Springfield, Delaware County.

Many of our Parishes and Missions have also put in memorials, but they are too numerous to mention in this address. I should, however, call attention to the fact that our Mission at Prospect Park has been working hard to secure enough funds to build a Rectory; without any outside aid they have \$3,000 on hand for that purpose.

In these modern days, when radio broadcasting has become so universal, it hardly seems necessary to refer to the growing custom of broadcasting our Church Services. In Holy Trinity Parish this has been done for several years, but it may be a matter of interest in the generations to come, to state that St. Paul's Church, Ogontz, has installed its own radio broadcasting station, and used it for the first time on Easter Day. I believe this is the first Parish to have its own equipment for direct broadcasting.

It is important that a Diocese like Pennsylvania should be well represented in the General Convention.

We cannot justly complain that we have not proportionate representation in that body, as we have not adopted that principle in our own Diocese. Nevertheless, the fact remains that with nearly 70,000 Communicants we have the same number of Deputies and the same vote as small Dioceses with two or three thousand Communicants. It is therefore incumbent upon us to elect on our delegation clergymen and laymen who know the Diocese, who are sufficiently interested to take a real part in its work, and can give the leadership that is commensurate with the position of their Diocese and the large number of Communicants they represent.

There are many important questions to be considered at the General Convention. In the revision of the Prayer Book amendments will come up for final action, and others for initial action; the report of the Committee on Increased Powers of Provinces must be seriously considered; the question of the adoption of

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PLAYWRIGHTS AND PARSONS

One of our religious magazines has been offering a prize of five dollars for the best essay on "Why is so much ridicule directed at the Clergy?" We don't wonder at the question, but why the prize? Surely they could have found out without spending any of the meagre income of a religious journal.

Besides the friendly chaffing and good-natured banter to which men in every profession are subjected because of the peculiarities of their profession in the eyes of laymen, the clergy are also the objects of a great deal of derision and contemptuous merriment. Their most common mockers are some younger playwrights, literary critics and novelists, most of whom seem to have derived their conception of the men in the ministry not from actual contact but from the vaudeville stage or from the pages of Dickens, placidly ignorant of the fact that the unctious and oily Mr. Chadband is not only long dead and gone to his "reward," but that he never lived except in the author's exuberant imagination. The stage parsons are usually either caricatures, or more likely, obsolete types dragged from their mossy graves by literary ghouls.

It is significant that the greatest of playwrights does not caricature the clergy. Shakespeare's parsons, though sometimes very funny, as Hugh Evans the Welsh Curate in the "Merry Wives of Windsor," are always real, living, flesh-and-blood men of the masculine gender. What could be more delightful or more true to life than his portrayal of Juliet's wise, kindly, old pastor, Friar Laurence? Or more impressive than his description of the fall of Cardinal Wolsey, the arrogant ecclesiastic? It was his weakness that, like Homer, Shakespeare did not appreciate the glory of the common man, and therefore did not often introduce the ordinary clergy into his plays, but he did paint that extinct being, the great ecclesiastic, as he really was. There are contemporary novelists and a few play-

wrights too who draw real clergymen, but the majority seem content still to use the old, second-hand, saw-dust-filled models that have served fourth-rate actors so long and faithfully on the burlesque stage.

A CRUMB OF COMFORT

It is discouraging to see by the statistics recently published how slight the growth of the Episcopal Church has been in the past year. The record is not good and looks even worse by comparison with the gains made by other religious bodies. We have not the figures for 1924 in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, but we know that there was a distinct loss here in 1923. Obviously there is urgent need for more emphasis on evangelism in the United States. Again, as of old, we find a morsel of comfort in the knowledge that the influence of the Episcopal Church on National Life far exceeds its numerical strength. We recall St. Bernard's remark when Clement, his candidate for the papacy, was rejected by the Cardinals in favor of Anaclete II. Thoroughly disgusted at such a choice, the saint exclaimed, "If they had only weighed the votes instead of counting them, Clement would have been elected."

TO THEM THAT ARE NIGH

One of the most weighty obligations resting on the Church today is "to preach peace to them that are nigh"; for the heathen afar off are beginning to wonder why so-called Christian nations send missionaries to the ends of the earth to recommend what they do not practice themselves.

What can the Church do as a church to further the cause of peace on earth? Among several things it can do, there is one thing it MUST do because it alone can do it, and that is to implant in men the spirit of peace—or as the psychologists call it, "the will to peace." Here, as in our economic and industrial problems, there may be a question in the minds of some whether the Church is called upon to supply a plan for peace. The technique or the methods to be used to eliminate war may well be left to the citizens as a state, provided Churchmen remember that a plan as well as a will is necessary. Love will end war, but not disembodied love. In this organized and earthen earth, the spirit of good-will must work through an organization of the nations for peace. But if the Church inspires her children with a love of peace that sets them on fire, they as citizens will be sure to find or make the organization, League, or association, whatever it may be called. As a means to that end could not our Church Sunday Schools, whatever their course of study, have a "peace lesson" on one Sunday in the year, preferably the same Sunday in each school? That might help to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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the Budget for the next triennium is a very important one, demanding careful thought, and there will be many other questions of interest to the Church at large.

Whatever quota may be recommended by the National Council, we must remember that the amount that this Diocese has been able to raise through parochial and individual offerings credited to the Parishes, has been only about sixty per cent. of the Maintenance Budget. It will be very foolish to vote for the adoption of a Budget by the General Convention which even *implies* that we can raise the forty per cent. additional, unless the members of this Convention feel that such a promise can be fulfilled, and will bend every effort to raise that additional amount.

The budget for the work of the National Council has been so large that for some years past it has demanded the cessation of forward work in our Diocese. It is manifest that we cannot continue to sacrifice our own work, for our future ability to give depends upon "strengthening the stakes" at home. On the other hand, if in appealing to our people we emphasize the fact that we have been neglecting our own work in the Diocese, it is not conducive toward reaching the result that we desire for our Domestic and Foreign Missionary Offerings. For years past, therefore, we have not only left out of consideration our own forward work, but have deliberately declined to emphasize it; now, however, the time has come when we must take it up, and we have promised to do so next year.

But before we devote a considerable portion of our thought and efforts to carrying out such a Diocesan program, we would request our clergymen and laymen to give their undivided attention during this winter to the one thought of fulfilling our duty in larger measure to the missionary work under the care of the National Council.

I hope that every member of the Diocese read that list of missionaries who have gone out from Pennsylvania, or have been educated in this Diocese and are now laboring in the domestic and foreign fields, as published in THE CHURCH NEWS. Among them are recorded seven bishops, sixteen American clergy, eleven native clergy, seven deaconesses, four nurses, twenty-five female teachers, one male teacher, two doctors, seven female workers, and one male worker, a total of eighty-one.

It is estimated that it would take about \$110,000 a year to support all these missionaries. Over and above the sum given by the Lenten offering and the Woman's Auxiliary, this is approximately the total of our Parish offerings. It would be splendid indeed if during this year every one of these eighty-one workers could be supported by the Parishes and Missions of this Diocese as special representatives. I

would again point out, as I did a few years ago, that we would obtain much better results, and a deeper interest in our missionary work, if we present it in terms of living missionaries rather than as a sum of money for a general fund.

Our Department of Finance is considering a plan which, based on the experience of the past six years, may prove effective in securing large offerings for our missionary work. We are in hearty sympathy with this effort, and trust that they will be able to evolve an arrangement which will appeal to the clergy and laity of the Diocese. It is imperative that we should find a more successful method than the one now in operation, and the Department will gladly welcome any constructive suggestions looking toward this end.

Our Lenten offering last year exceeded all previous records, amounting to almost \$65,000; and we hope that this year will show an increase in that amount.

Missionary Offerings

The United Thank Offering presented to the General Convention in 1922 amounted to \$72,000. The Treasurer has now over \$63,000 toward the triennial offering to be presented in October, so there is every reason to believe that when the final returns are received, the offering of the Diocese will be much larger than it was three years ago.

During the winter the cornerstone was laid for the new building of the Seamen's Church Institute. The building will be completed in a few months. On March 31st the last service was held in the Chapel of The Redeemer, at Front and Queen Streets, and the Sentence of Consecration removed, so that the building could be sold and used for secular purposes.

The architect has designed one room in the new building as a Chapel, in memory of the late W. W. Frazier. This room will perpetuate our work at the old site, as it will bear the name of the "Chapel of The Redeemer."

The income from the invested funds of the Church Institute for Seaman will be paid to the Seamen's Church Institute.

I reported to the last Convention the failure of negotiations to open a home for aged clergymen and their wives on the property on School Lane, given to us by the Harris family to use for a Church Institution. Shortly after the adjournment of the Convention I offered the property to The Sheltering Arms, and it was accepted by the Trustees. The old property of The Sheltering Arms, at Franklin and Brown Streets, was sold, and after necessary alterations and repairs were made, the Institution moved into its new home. The change has been very beneficial, giving us a larger opportunity for the development of the work, while there has been also a marked improvement in the health of the women and babies under our care.

A few weeks ago, through the hearty co-operation of the Board of Managers of The Midnight Mission,

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The Sheltering Arms

which met jointly with representatives of the Board of The Sheltering Arms, a merger was effected between these two corporations and the necessary legal steps are now being taken to carry out the terms of the agreement. We all believe that this is a step in the right direction. The property of The Midnight Mission will be sold, and representatives of the Board of that corporation will be added to the Board of Council and the Board of Managers of "Ravenswood," the name popularly used for The Sheltering Arms. The proceeds of the sale of the house of The Midnight Mission and the trust funds will be added to the endowment of the merged Institutions.

The Church Farm School has just completed the best year in the seven years of its existence. First, a debt of \$20,000 was cleared by the
The Church Farm School Boards and friends of the School, thus enabling the School to meet its obligations month by month.

Then Mr. T. Broom Belfield, seeing that the growth of the School was impaired by lack of mechanical facilities, has given a building to be known as the Belfield Shops, containing a machine shop and a carpenter shop, with considerable equipment for their operation.

The first unit of the Home of The Good Shepherd is now occupied by the Junior School, and the second unit is under construction and will be ready for occupancy in the fall.

The properties to the east and west of the School grounds were placed on the market for sale, at a moderate figure, and the Trustees thought it well to purchase both of these properties so as to insure the development of the work in the years to come.

There are now seventy-five boys in the School; when the new class is admitted in the fall there will be between ninety and one hundred. The friends of the School have been very generous, and all interested in its development are proud of its achievement.

During May of last year the Divinity School conducted its Campaign for a million dollars—that sum to be used partly for building purposes and partly for endowments. The effort was a success, in more ways than one.
The Divinity School

The funds asked for were pledged; the Campaign brought the matter of the ministry and its proper training to the attention of large numbers of people; it won many friends for the School; and it helped us all to realize the latent power of the Church in this Diocese to accomplish great things when once interest is aroused.

The School has promptly begun the erection of the buildings most urgently needed. Most important is the St. Andrew's Chapel, whose walls are rising rapidly. The corner-stone will be laid on Commencement Day, June 4th, and it is hoped that the building may be ready for use at some time before the Commencement of 1926. Two faculty houses also, and the Dean-

ery, are under way and will be finished this autumn. The Deanery will be a Memorial to William W. Frazier and his wife, Harriet (Harrison) Frazier, and one of the Faculty Houses is a Memorial to Paul Borda Kurtz, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Kurtz.

It is a profound satisfaction to the friends of the School to realize that the inner development of its life is keeping pace with this external progress. The undergraduate enrolment for this year has been the largest in the School's history; and the Dean informs me that there is already assurance of a great increase of students for next year. Meanwhile, the Joint Boards have revised and raised the admission requirements, and with the Faculty are considering carefully other important steps for the educational development of the work.

The success of the Campaign for the Japan Reconstruction Fund last autumn was of more than local significance, as it was an object lesson to the Church at large, showing conclusively that in other Dioceses the people would respond generously to the appeal of the National Council on behalf of our brethren in Japan. As a first result similar campaigns are now being conducted elsewhere.

In the name of the Diocese I have personally thanked every worker who aided in the accomplishment of this noteworthy result, and I rejoice with them that others have been moved to follow their example.

During the past year there has been a widespread interest manifested throughout the country with regard to the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The National Office, located in our Church House, has more requests from Rectors for the organization of Chapters than has been the case for many years.
Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The local Brotherhood in this Diocese has engaged one of the students of our Divinity School to give his spare time as a visitor to the existing Chapters, and to aid Rectors in organizing new Chapters where they are willing to do so.

In these days when we have so many meetings which must necessarily discuss the best interests of a great Diocese like ours, it is more essential than at any time in our past history that we shall conserve the interests of such an organization as the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which exists primarily for spiritual ideals—for prayer and service. I wish we could have a strong Chapter of the Brotherhood in every Parish and Mission. If we could get every member of our Executive Council, and of our various committees, active also in Brotherhood work and in the preservation of the high ideals for which the Brotherhood of St. Andrew stands, that kind of a combination of prayer and service would mean the dawn of a new day in the history of our Diocese.

After my installation last year I announced the plan of having a survey of the Diocese, to ascertain the most pressing needs, especially for our Missions and Institutions. This subject was carefully considered by the Missionary Council of Advice, and the project also met with the enthusiastic approval of the clergy and of the Vestrymen's Association.

As part of the program it was announced last spring that after the close of the campaign for the Philadelphia Divinity School and the Japan Reconstruction Fund, no other campaigns would be undertaken by the Diocese until the survey was completed. We have now prepared a preliminary draft of the survey for Missions, and hope to have a full report ready by next spring, so that with the counsel of our advisory boards we can prepare constructive plans for the future. In further preparation of this plan before the summer vacation, I hope to gather groups of clergymen in various districts of the city, to consult with them about the present condition of the work in their respective neighborhoods, looking at the Church's work from the standpoint of the community rather than the individual Parish. It is my hope that this will lead to similar consultations with their respective vestries.

I think that as a Church we fail to realize the tremendous changes going on in this great city, and how essential it is that we shall work together to conserve the best interests of the Church, and to see that our influence is not dissipated, but rather from time to time our methods of operation wisely changed and enlarged to meet the ever-changing conditions. I trust that the time is not far distant when every Parish and Mission facing a changing condition with dwindling congregations and a reduction of income from the offerings of the people instead of abandoning locations, will be ready and willing to co-operate in a plan by which work in every community can be continued, even though it may be wise to give up or materially change the character of work done by the parochial organizations. Some definite plans looking toward this end are now under way. If such a system had been in operation years ago, we would now hold the strategic position of being able to minister to many Foreign-Born Congregations in our city, with ample funds for such work, instead of losing valuable properties because of changes in the neighborhood.

In the name of the Diocese I desire to place on record our thanks to the Bishop of Western Nebraska, who for two months assisted in visitations for confirmation. Bishop Beecher received a warm welcome from his many friends, and endeared himself to all who had the privilege of his ministrations.

It would be untrue to say that the administration of a Diocese like Pennsylvania is an easy task, but with the efficient assistance given by the Officers of the Diocese, and our various committees charged with responsibility, I have not experienced any difficulty in

the administration excepting in the appointments for confirmation in the Lenten Season. The plan I have followed during the last three winters, of having a visiting bishop for a few months in Lent, has made it possible for me to keep every engagement, and it is my intention to continue this plan, securing a different bishop each year. The presence of one of our missionary bishops for such temporary service, is always available, and his ministrations are helpful to us in promoting the missionary interest of our people.

I am not prepared at this time to announce any definite plans about the Cathedral.

I realize how essential it is to have a plan toward which we might be working, but as the matter is one that concerns not merely the Cathedral Foundation, but the whole Diocese, it is of such great importance that even a general plan must be the result of mature and prayerful thought and deliberation. I am sure that at the present moment we are specially concerned with the functioning of a Cathedral Foundation for community service, and that with a proper endowment this work could be speedily inaugurated. I do not believe that we can justify the tremendous expense involved in the building of Cathedral Churches, unless they are not merely expressive of the common interests of our people in worship, but at the same time expressive of our common interests in ministering to the community.

In both New York and Washington splendid sites have been secured, large endowments provided, and parts of the edifices erected—enough in which to carry on the services and to function. In this city we have neither site, nor building,—nor even a substantial endowment. The latter has not yet reached \$100,000, and it provides only an annual income of about \$5,000. New York is the financial center of our Nation, and Washington is the city in which for some generations our Senate and Congress have met and our President has lived.

But there is no Diocese in America where a Cathedral Foundation, with a building amply endowed, could make a greater contribution to the whole community than in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. I do not minimize the claims of Puritan New England, nor do

I underestimate the history of Virginia since the first settlement at Jamestown; nevertheless it is a fact that there is no city so expressive of the continuity of the Church and Nation as our own, where the Church was organized and where the Nation was born. Looking back to our historic background and our Colonial history, remembering that the Revolution centered around this great City, and that the Keystone State was the turning point in the Civil War, we all realize that though cathedrals are built elsewhere, there is a distinct atmosphere in Philadelphia and one that breathes the spirit of the Nation. There never can be, properly speaking, a *national* cathedral in the United States, but when a cathedral is built in Philadelphia it is bound to

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become the Mecca of our people, as it will bear witness to the faith of our fathers and to their contribution in the making of our Nation. The erection of a beautiful building does not in itself *create* the atmosphere that influences most potentially life and character; it is the continuity of the history of the city in which it is erected that creates the atmosphere that lives on from generation to generation.

With a full realization of these facts, we trust that many men and women of great wealth will be ready and willing to aid in the inception of this great plan for the future, and, as the first step, by generous contributions raise a substantial foundation fund for community service. As Pennsylvanians we have no vital interest in the building of Cathedrals in the City of New York or Washington—but, as patriotic Pennsylvanians and loyal Churchmen, we have a clear and definite duty to fulfil at home.

In Baptism we become members of *the Church*, not of a Parish, nor even of a Diocese. So at ordination a man becomes a priest of the Church, not of a Parish, nor of a Diocese; and a bishop is consecrated as a bishop of the Church of God.

The jurisdiction in which a priest exercises office is in the Parish to which he is called; likewise the bishop in the Diocese to which he is elected; but neither the baptized member of the Church, nor those ordained to any office of the sacred ministry, should overlook their primary obligation as members of the Church of Christ.

Whatever Christians may do in other communions, ours is an Episcopal Church. Personally I do not believe in the autocratic powers of bishops, yet I realize that many good arguments might be advanced for such constitutional changes as would give a bishop greater powers in the appointment of rectors. Where the relation of the bishop to his clergy and people is ideal, and his understanding of the need in each individual case would lead him to eliminate personal considerations and to think solely of the interests of the particular congregation, such a change might be beneficial. But bishops are not infallible, and in my opinion such a change would establish a very dangerous precedent which would not work in practice.

In many matters the bishop occupies a different position from any other person in the Diocese. The clergyman represents his Parish, but the bishop is the representative officer of the whole Diocese; he is, however, more than a diocesan officer; he has a ministerial character inherent in his office which relates him to the whole Church. In addition to the local Parishes, with their special interests, there are large diocesan interests, and every communicant of the Church, no matter to what Parish he may belong temporarily, has privileges and duties relating not merely to the work in his own Parish, but also to the work in the whole Diocese, and of the whole Church. The rector has a special relation to the members of his congregation,

but the bishop, by virtue of his office, has also a relation to every baptized person within his Diocese.

We cannot do our best work in a Diocese unless there is a hearty and loyal co-operation between the bishop, the clergy, and the laity. We have achieved this to an unusual degree in Pennsylvania. The spirit in which the clergy have worked for the past few years has been magnificent. No forward step has been taken during my administration without a full and frank conference with the clergy, and under the benefit of their counsel and advice. This will be my aim as long as I am Bishop of the Diocese, because I believe that we cannot get the best co-operation without such counsel together. It has also been true of the laymen, as far as our past organization provided for it; I trust that it will be increasingly so since the formation of our Associated Vestries. At the same time, I hope that whatever individual opinions a clergyman or layman may have, when we do decide to go forward with practical unanimity on any great project, every member of the Church will loyally support our program. There is no room for pure "parochialism" in the Episcopal Church, there is no room for the spirit of "diocesanisms"; there must be a co-ordination, and a full realization of the duty of every member of the Church, not merely to his Parish, but also to his Diocese, and to the whole Church. I am very frank to say that in some of our decisions in the General Convention I have been in the minority, but when action is taken we must accept the will of the majority. This is just as true in a Diocese, and I hope the day is not far distant when the spirit of congregationalism in this Diocese will forever disappear.

Our clergy have realized that a discouraging element in the whole situation is that when we hold conferences about important matters some of the clergy are not present; likewise the Associated Vestries realize that many laymen are absent from the meetings to which they have been invited. These absentees cannot, therefore, give us the benefit of their criticisms and their advice. In future we trust that in important matters relating to the welfare of the Church every clergyman and every delegate or vestryman will feel that it is his duty to be present; but if circumstances prevent his attendance, we will expect him, as a loyal son of the Church, to abide by the counsel and the decisions of those who have given prayerful and careful consideration to the subject.

While I am speaking on this subject, I might say that it has become an open question in the Church whether the vestry system is the best for the present day and for the needs of the Church. In this old Diocese, where the system had its birth, we are by tradition its warm defenders. But on the other hand, very many feel that it may have become too largely a self-perpetuating system. They believe it is no longer representative; and, if I were asked to place my finger on its

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most signal failure, I would say that it is in this very respect. This is a condition which an organization such as the Associated Vestries can remedy. Even though our vestrymen are not elected by representative gatherings of the people (excepting in a few Parishes), yet I think we may safely say that in almost every instance they do give faithful attention to the affairs of the local congregation. But we talk a great deal about the Parish being the unit *in the Diocese*, and it is a fair question to ask whether as representatives of that unit our vestries are fulfilling their obligations to the Diocese.

I have pointed out one way in which some of them fall short. When meetings are called for the discussion of important matters there is room for differences of opinion, but some vestrymen overlook the fact that they have a distinct responsibility *to the Diocese* as well as to the local congregation, that they are *representatives* of that congregation and it is therefore their duty to be informed about the work of the Diocese when opportunity is so given, and to give their advice and counsel in regard to obligations and responsibilities

which by the Canons of the Church they are bound to consider. There are vestrymen of our Diocese who have fully realized this condition, and over a year ago they organized the Associated Vestries to remedy it. The meetings held have been very helpful and interesting, and we earnestly request every vestryman in the Diocese to become a member of the Association and to give his assistance toward the development of a more widespread interest in the affairs of the Diocese and of the National Church.

The vestrymen who organized this Association believe that a fuller recognition of the responsibility of each *vestryman* to the Diocese and to the general Church will be helpful in giving *him* a larger vision of the Church's need and of the Church's work, and also bring to him a more spiritual conception of his office.

Finally, my brethren, that is what we *all* need—a more spiritual conception of our opportunities for service in the Parish, in the Diocese, and in the Missionary Work of the Church, at home and abroad. May God in all these things lead us to fulfil His purpose and to do His will.

MISSIONARIES TRAINED AT DEACONESS HOUSE

In addition to the Deaconesses, whose names were given in our March number as having gone into the Mission field from the Philadelphia Church Training and Deaconess House, the following now in the field received their training in this House:

IN CHINA

Mrs. A. A. Gilman, Boone University, Wuchang; Mrs. A. W. Tucker, St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai; Mrs. Robert A. Kemp, Wuchang; Miss Alice H. Gregg, Anking; Mrs. Daniel T. Huntington, Anking; Miss Ellen Koo, St. Hilda's School, Wuchang; Mrs. J. Jin Wong Kwong, Hankow; Miss Viola McGoldrick, Soochow; Mrs. H. A. McNulty, Soochow; Miss Marie J. Ravenel, Nanking; Mrs. S. H. Littell, Hankow; Mrs. H. B. Taylor, Anking.

IN JAPAN

Miss Louise H. Boyd, Tokyo; Miss Mona C. Cannell, Fukui; Miss Marion Humphreys, Akita; Miss Mary Laning, Nara; Miss Helen Skiles, Kyoto; Miss Gladys G. Spencer, Tokyo; Miss Ruth M. Whent, Osaka.

IN LIBERIA

Miss Emily D. Seaman, Cape Mount.

IN CUBA

Signora Mercedes de Mendez, Guan-tanamo.

IN THE PHILIPPINES

Miss Harriet G. Jacob, Sagada; Miss Margaret M. Kilburn, Bontok.

IN ALASKA

Miss Bessie Blacknall, Nenana; Miss Eola H. Clark, Nenana; Mrs. L. W. Scanland, Nenana; Miss Amelia H. Hill, Allakaket; Miss Florence Huband, Alla-

kaket; Miss Florence Keefe, Anvik; Mrs. M. C. Edmunds, Nenana; Mrs. Arthur Wright, Tanana Crossing; Miss Susan E. Smith, Anvik; Miss Alice Wright, Nenana; Miss Nellie Landon, Tanana.

IN IDAHO

Mrs. Henry Lunt.

The following names should be added to the list of Missionaries who have gone into the Mission field from this Diocese, which list was published in the March CHURCH NEWS:

From The Holy Apostles, Philadelphia, Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Seymour Thomas, S.T.D., Bishop of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming; from St. John Free Church, the Rev. H. A. Donovan, in charge of Cape Mount Station, Liberia, including St. John's School, and in the Missionary District of Hankow, China, Dr. Mary L. James, at the Church General Hospital, Wuchang.

CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Spring Meeting of the Society was held in the Assembly Room of the Church House on Monday, April 27.

The Treasurer reported that donations to the Endowment Fund now amounted to over \$600 and an effort is being made to raise this to at least \$1000, that a Trust Fund may be created. It was also reported \$115 was in the current account after all expenses to date were paid.

The Librarian reported that since January 1, there had been received 61 bound books, 184 pamphlets, 16 leaflets, 19 photographs of persons, 50 of churches, 2 framed pictures, 25 autographs, 4 year books, 10 forms of serv-

ices, 23 manuscripts, 5 charters, 1 vestry book, 270 papers (not counting serials) and a large number of newspaper clippings. Twenty bound books and one pamphlet had been received in exchange for an equivalent number of pamphlets.

A paper was read by the Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin, D.D., of William and Mary College, Virginia, on the connection of that College with the Church.

LENTEN OFFERING OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS TOTALS \$66,579, WITH MORE TO COME

The Sunday Schools of the Diocese established a new record for their Lenten Offering at the Annual Presentation Service in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, on Sunday, May 10.

With a number of schools yet to be heard from the total presented at the service was \$66,579. It is believed when all returns are in the total will be more than the \$70,000 which had been fixed as the goal.

Holy Apostles, which for many years has maintained first position not only in the Diocese but throughout the Church, again reported the largest contributions. Its total was \$6175. The Chapel of the Mediator, West Philadelphia, which last year was the second largest contributor with \$2631, took a stronger grip on second place with a total of \$3348.

Holy Trinity Church was taxed to its capacity to accommodate the outpouring of children and their friends. The children crowded into the chancel and standing room was at a premium all through the church.

Work Among the Foreign Born

5. THE SOWING.

This is the fifth of a series of articles by Archdeacon White on our Work Among the Foreign Born, particularly in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The ancient farmer sowed his field by hand; in the field of God's kingdom, as set forth in the parable of the Sower, the sowing is done by the spoken word. In our work among the foreign born the use of a foreign language seems to be the principal feature. It is not that, though undoubtedly important. Difference of language is indeed a heavy handicap, but it is one by the grace of God capable of being turned into a valuable asset.

We seldom realize the sacredness of one's native tongue. Nothing touches the core of our very being more closely than language, because by it we do our thinking, and as the philosopher has said, "Cogito, ergo sum." Therefore we should have for the tongue of the foreigner a respect as sincere as for our own, and neither disparage him for the strangeness of his speech, nor regard nor treat him as inferior because he cannot make use of ours.

Because the religion of Jesus Christ is destined to be universal it started with the problem of the foreign language. The inscription above the cross was written in Hebrew, Greek and Latin, that all who saw it might understand. Again, we note that in the Old Testament explanation of the various languages, the confusion of tongues was ascribed to man's sin. And the first step of the Holy Spirit was to turn the curse into a blessing. "When the day of Pentecost was fully come . . . they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance . . . And the multitude came together and were amazed and marvelled saying, We do hear them speak in *our* tongues the wonderful works of God . . . And the same day were added to the Church about three thousand souls." We can well imagine how those strangers at Jerusalem were startled and delighted to hear so unexpectedly the familiar accents of their native language and how this wonder put them in a mood particularly receptive to the joyous message that was preached to them.

That is the philosophy of our foreign language work. We use the language to get at these strangers; it is difficult to see how we could reach them without it. The speaking of it enlists the interest of the parents. The teaching of it insures among the children a greater respect for their elders. But its use is temporary, we could not even if we desired, prevent the second generation from speaking the language of this land.

Bishop Garland paid a special tribute to the Sunday School of St. John the Evangelist, Third and Reed Streets, which reported \$800, a 100 per cent increase over 1924.

It is estimated upwards of 1200 took part in the Processional around Rittenhouse Square.

The speakers were Bishop Overs, of Liberia, and the Rev. P. Lindell Tsen, of China.

The Rev. Charles E. Eder was instituted as Rector of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning, May 3rd. The Office of Institution was said by the Rev. A. R. Van Meter, Dean of the Convocation of

Germantown, who also preached a special sermon for the occasion.

The Rev. David M. Steele, Rector of the Church of St. Luke and Epiphany, recently presented to St. George's Chapel, Venango, a handsome brass Lectern. The gift was much appreciated by the people of St. George's.

The largest class for twenty years in St. George's Chapel, Venango, was presented for Confirmation to the Bishop on the morning of April 26th, the Second Sunday after Easter. The class numbered twenty-seven. On this occasion of the Bishop's visitation there was a congregation that completely filled the Chapel.

Diocesan Clearing House and Exchange Bureau

This department of THE CHURCH NEWS is conducted in connection with the Diocesan Clearing House Bureau. If any Parish has any discarded church furnishings it is willing to donate to any other Parish, notice will be given in this column. If any Parish or Mission has a need for such articles, it will be recorded here. If any offer or need listed below interests you, get in touch with the Diocesan Clearing House Bureau of the Department of Publicity, Church House.

A parish in Germantown is willing to donate a pulpit to any Mission in the Diocese in need of one. Don't delay putting in your application for this gift.

The Diocesan Exchange has several large Bibles which have been donated by individuals to be given to any Mission that may be able to make use of them. There are at THE CHURCH NEWS office in the Church House and may be obtained upon application.

One of the Missions in the Diocese makes a special request for donation of a Dossal and a Red Burse and Veil, and a Lectern. If any Parish can help this Mission it will be greatly appreciated.

A desk for the Deaconess in charge of St. John's House is sorely needed. Big enough to keep the correspondence in, but not too large. We had an offer of an office desk but found it was too long to go up the stairs and too wide to be hoisted through the window. We need one just a little smaller.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. George H. Randall, on behalf of the congregation of Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills, where he has been in charge of the services for a number of years as Lay Reader, acknowledges most grateful appreciation to the Rev. T. Leslie Gossling and the congregation of St. Matthias Church, Philadelphia, for their gift to the Mission of a Dossal and Pulpit Fall. The Diocesan Exchange was the medium through which the donation was made.

LAY READERS ORGANIZE

On the evening of April 21st, at the Church House, a meeting was held to organize the Lay Readers Association of the Diocese. The following officers were elected: President ex-officio, Bishop Garland; Chaplain, Rev. James F. Bullitt; Secretary, Mr. James S. Dunstan; Treasurer, Mr. Frank Longshore.

It is hoped to hold a service for the Lay Readers, to be followed by an informal reception on the Eve of Ascension Day, May 20th. The Church of the Good Shepherd, Kensington, having invited the Association for that evening.

PRESENT HISTORIC RELIC TO OLD CHRIST CHURCH

An event of general interest took place in Old Christ Church, this city, on the evening of April 7th when the Rev. Philip B. Clayton, M. C., rector of All Hallows, Barking, London, presented to Christ Church a block of wood taken from the old flooring of All Hallows, near the font in which William Penn was baptized.

This gift is a significant token of the essential unity of English Christianity, coming from the English Church which fostered William Penn to Christ Church, the first Church of England in Penn's Commonwealth and the one with which the Penn family and many other leading Friends became reidentified.

Mr. John S. Newbold received the gift on behalf of the Vestry and the Rev. J. A. Montgomery, acting in the unavoidable absence of the rector, made a graceful and scholarly address of acceptance. The block has been framed in a wooden box with glass sides and placed among other historic relics in the Tower Room of the Church.

The presentation ceremony was timed to coincide with the visit of Mr. Clayton and the Rev. Patrick S. Leonard, D. S. O., in connection with the Toc H movement. A select group of young people interested in Toc H heard Mr. Clayton and Mr. Leonard at a supper before the Church ceremony, and again afterwards at a gathering in Christ Church Neighborhood House.

Mrs. William A. McEwen has presented St. John's, Lansdowne, with a handsome oak lecturn in memory of her husband. The lecturn has been placed in the parish house and will be used by the Sunday School, in which Mr. McEwen was actively interested for many years.

Children of the Lansdowne Week-Day School of Religion recently gave a pageant entitled, "Elijah, the Man of God," in the new parish house of St. John's Church. Sixty children participated. On the same evening articles made in the classrooms of the school were displayed.

Special services were held in Holy Apostles Church on Sunday, May 3, marking the completion of the eleventh year of the Rev. George H. Toop's rectorship.

The Rev. Arthur D. Appleton, rector of Christ Church, Sixth and Venango Streets, Phila., on the Second Sunday after Easter, officiated at the dedication of a Baptismal Font, the gift of the congregation of Christ Church as a memorial to the Rev. George S. Sinclair, who served the Parish from 1910 to 1920.

Diocese Commemorates Sixteenth Centennial of Council of Nicaea

Commemoration of the Sixteenth Centennial of the Council of Nicaea was widely observed throughout the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

In virtually all parishes and missions of the Diocese the anniversary was commemorated with special services and sermons on Low Sunday, April 19th, and the following day Bishop Garland officiated at an imposing Diocesan Commemoration in Old Christ Church, in which many of the clergy of the Diocese and a large number of the laity participated.

Under direction of the Bishop a special Order of Service, adapted from the most ancient Liturgies, was prepared for use in the Parish and in the Diocesan celebrations. In all the Churches the Commemoration services were preceded by a Celebration of the Holy Communion.

At the Diocesan Service addresses were made by the Rev. J. Cullen Ayer, D. D., S. T. D., Professor of Church History in the Philadelphia Divinity School, on "The Historic Background of the Nicene Council," and by the Rev. George Cadwalader Foley, S. T. D., Professor of Systematic Divinity in the Philadelphia Divinity School, on "The Nicene Theology."

At the Celebration of the Holy Communion the Bishop was assisted by the Rev. L. M. Robinson, Professor of Liturgics, Polity and Canon Law in the Philadelphia Divinity School. There was a Procession of the clergy from Christ Church Neighborhood House to the Church entrance, the Rev. Richard J. Morris, Secretary to the Bishop acting as Master of Ceremonies. The

Bishop, the Rev. Louis C. Washburn, rector of Old Christ Church, and the Rev. J. DeWolf Perry, president of the Standing Committee, met the clergy at the entrance.

The Rev. Louis C. Washburn, who had left a sick bed to take part in the service, said the Prayers from the Ancient Liturgies. Immediately before the Nicene Creed the Bishop said the following adapted from the Greek Service for Orthodoxy Sunday:

"Let us now, celebrating this Sixteen Hundredth Anniversary of the Council which gave us the formulary of our faith glorify God, the Author of all good things, Who by His providence establisheth His Holy Church, the heritage in which He delighteth, and Who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets and hath in these latter days spoken unto us by His Son, Who declared His good will toward us, opened the mysteries of Heaven, taught us to believe the truth of His Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit and sent His apostles to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven to all the world;

"Let us therefore, now, with one mouth and one mind profess the faith in the form sanctioned by the great Council of Nicaea and say

"I believe in one God," etc.

Following the service the Bishop and clergy were the guests of the rector and Vestry of Old Christ Church at a luncheon in the Neighborhood House, which was followed by a Clergy Conference at which the general subject of quotas was discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Swingle have presented a number of Biblical pictures to St. John's, Lansdowne, in memory of their son, George Morgan Swingle. Two of the pictures, beautiful studies of Christ blessing and healing little children, have been placed in the Children's Room in the parish house.

On Monday evening, May 4th, in the Parish House of Christ Church, Sixth and Venango Streets, there was held a joint meeting of the Boy Scouts and the Cadets in what is to be known as Parents' meeting. It was attended by parents of the boys that all parents might become acquainted with the associates of their boys and their leaders and see what is being done to help each boy.

An interesting opportunity for service has come to old St. James' Church, Perkiomen. Near by is the large Eagles-

ville Sanitarium for tuberculosis patients, founded and administered by Jews, but containing a number of Protestant patients. These have never had any ministrations of a Christian minister, but a few Romanists are visited by their priest. Now the rector of St. James' has arranged to visit and minister there regularly.

The members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of Calvary, Conshohocken, in conjunction with the Men's Bible class, are arranging a social evening for the men of the Parish, to take place on Wednesday, May 27.

The West Philadelphia Sunday School Association will hold its Spring Meeting in St. John's Church, Lansdowne, on Saturday, May 23, at 4 P. M. Supper will be served in the Parish House at 6.30 P. M.

The Sixteen Hundredth Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

IN recent years many articles have appeared with reference to our Creeds, their history, their acceptance in the Church, and their interpretation. Many of these articles were written without a thorough knowledge of either the history or the content of the Creeds, and set forth only the individual opinions of the writers.

The Sixteenth Centennial observance of the Council of Nicaea afforded us an opportunity to bear corporate witness to the faith delivered to us, in a memorable service held on April 20, 1925, in Christ Church, the Rev. Louis C. Washburn, S. T. D., Rector. At this service in the Mother Church of our Diocese, two notable addresses were delivered, one on "The Historical Background of the Council of Nicaea," by the Rev. Professor Ayer, and the other on "The Nicene Theology," by the Rev. Professor Foley. These names are in themselves sufficient guarantee that the addresses were delivered by men thoroughly competent to deal with the subjects assigned to them. The desire to have the addresses printed was practically unanimous on the part of the clergymen and the laymen, who had the privilege of hearing them. In answer to this demand we are publishing the addresses. I sincerely trust that every member of the Church in our Diocese will read these addresses, feeling sure that they will find in them much to instruct, to edify, and to strengthen their convictions.

Thomas Garland
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Announcement

To accommodate THE CHURCH NEWS readers and others of our church people who may desire copies of the addresses referred to by the Bishop in the above statement, THE CHURCH NEWS has had printed a LIMITED number of copies.

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REMEMBER, THERE IS A LIMITED SUPPLY

The Rev. Charles H. Long, rector of Zion Church, and the Men's Club of Zion, were guests of the Men's Club of Christ Church, Sixth and Venango Streets, at dinner on Tuesday night, April 27.

The co-operation of the two congregations of St. James' Church, Perkio-men, and the Church of the Epiphany, Royersford, is mutually stimulating. Two joint services have been held, one at each Church, in which the united choirs furnished the music. A joint musical service will be held each month. The two churches are about eight miles

apart, over good roads. When the mission was first started at Royersford, the Priest-in-charge from 1890 to 1900 was the Rev. J. A. Barrow, of St. James'. Now, after a lapse of a quarter of a century, the work is again receiving the ministrations of the old parish.

The Rev. John R. McGrory dedicated a new Estey Organ in St. Bartholomew's, Wissinoming, on the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. James, Perkio-men, held an Apron Sale and Tree Planting on Saturday afternoon,

May 10, the proceeds of which will be used to plant shade, ornamental and evergreen trees on the Church and Rectory grounds. The magnificent old forest trees, the heritage of past generations, are dying. The Auxiliary will appreciate gifts of trees and shrubs for this purpose. Since the year 1700, the services of the Church have been maintained at St. James.

Arrangements are being made at St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, for the week's outing at the seashore provided each July for the boys of the Choir as a token of the congregation's appreciation.

GO TO A CHURCH CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER

Summer Schools for Church Work are to be held this summer as follows:

Virginia, June 15th to June 26th.
Wellesley, Mass., June 22nd to July 2nd.
Peninsula, June 23rd to June 27th.
South Bethlehem, June 29th to July 3rd.
Eaglesmere, Pa., July 2nd to July 9th.
Princeton, N. J., July 6th to July 17th.
Geneva, N. Y., July 6th to July 17th.

These conferences offer training in all phases of church work,—Missions and Church Extension, The Church School, Social Service, Pageantry and Religious Drama, Methods and Principles of Teaching, Story Telling, Bible Courses, Church Music and General Subjects. There is special provision made for the Young People.

Among the many splendid leaders whose names are to be found on the several programs are: Bishop Rhineland, Bishop Tucker, Doctor Easton and Father Huntington at Wellesley. At Princeton Bishop Ferris is to be the Chaplain, and Bishop Colmore is to lead the Mission Study Course on Latin America. At the Peninsula School, Mrs. Van Harlingen and the Rev. Mr. Seymour are to represent our own Diocese on the faculty.

Our aim for the Diocese is a representative from every Parish and Mission at some Summer School. Those who cannot attend themselves, can assist others to go, by contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

For further information apply to the Secretary, Miss Helen C. Washburn, 2030 DeLancey Place, Philadelphia.

CHURCH CONFERENCE LEAGUE MEETING AT ST. JAMES

The annual Spring Meeting of the Church Conference League took place on Wednesday evening, April 22nd, at St. James' Parish House. A cafeteria supper was served to 200 people at 6.30 P. M., and the meeting followed immediately thereafter. The Rev. N. B. Groton, Chairman of the League, presided. Summer School programs were presented as follows:

Wellesley—By Miss Katharine Reeve, recently elected to the Governing Board of the Wellesley Conference.

Princeton—By Mr. Samuel Reilly, Chairman of Young People of Church Conference League.

Eaglesmere—By Miss Clara Stack-



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Bethlehem—By Miss Virginia Oliver.

Peninsula—By Mrs. Arthur Van-Harlingen.

Geneva—By Miss Mary Frances Clarkson.

Berkeley—By Miss Marguerite Stuart.

Virginia and Conneaut Lake. In the absence of representatives from these two Schools the Secretary of the C. C. L. presented the programs.

Each representative showed great enthusiasm for his or her Conference, telling the chief features of each, and the interest in Summer Schools among the Communicants of the Diocese was testified to by the presence of nearly 300 people who registered at the meeting.

Bishop Cook spoke on the weakness of the Church today, and how it can be corrected.

BOOKS FOR USE IN MEN'S CLASSES OR GROUPS

The following list of books is printed at the request of the Diocesan Department of Religious education:

CHURCH HISTORY
The Long Life of the Church
Christian Nurture Series
Illustrated Notes on English Church History Lane

CHURCH DOCTRINE
The Faith by Which We Live.....Fiske
The Religion of the Church.....Gore
The Creed and Christian Convictions
Christian Nurture Series

CHURCH WORSHIP
Everyman's History of the Book of the Common PrayerDearmer
The Prayer Book, Its History, Language and ContentsDaniel

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Reasons for Being a Churchman.....Little
Direct Answers to Plain Questions...Scadding

THE LIFE OF CHRIST
The People's Life of Christ...Paterson-Smyth
The Life of Christ.....Burton & Matthews

THE BIBLE
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Christ and His Teaching.....Easton
The Teaching of St. Paul.....Easton
THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH
The Kingdom Without Frontiers.....Martin
The Business of Missions.....Paton
The Church's Life.....Sturgis

The United Thank Offering

"In Memoriam"

At a meeting of the Treasurers of the United Thank Offering, held in the Neighborhood House immediately after the Presentation Service at Old Christ Church on April 23rd, it was voted to try to make our Diocesan Offering, at New Orleans in October, \$100,000, as a gift in memory of Mrs. George C. Thomas, who passed away during the present Triennium. Mrs. Thomas was the first Treasurer of the Thank Offering for this Diocese, holding the office a quarter of a century. She presented our Offering at eight triennial services, watching it grow from \$654 to \$39,003. Her devotion to the cause was wonderful beyond expression. Forgetful of self, she gave abundantly of her time, thought and money. To all parts of the Diocese she traveled to speak in its behalf. To her came the thought of an Annual Presentation Service, which for more than twenty years has been a beautiful feature of the Offering. It was Mrs. Thomas who introduced the Triennial Report of the United Thank Offering, known as "The Purple Report" because of the color of its cover.

With love and deep gratitude we cherish the memory of Mrs. Thomas. Dollars and cents could never adequately express our appreciation of all that she meant to the Offering, but we know full well how she would rejoice at a presentation of \$100,000 at our next great Service of Thanksgiving.

Our Offering at Portland in 1922 was \$73,155.50. The normal growth of three years, together with "In Memoriam" gifts—large and small—from those of us who knew, admired and loved Mrs. Thomas, should make it quite possible to reach the suggested goal.

This effort must not for one moment be considered a "drive" for money, as an unfortunate announcement in one of the daily papers may have led many to suppose. Nothing could be more foreign to the nature and spirit of the Thank Offering, which is purely a Love-Gift,—an "Holy Offering, rich and rare," which should come spontaneously from loving and grateful hearts.

M. C. S. N.

First State Conference of the Church on Social Service

BY THE REV. J. C. H. SAUBER, *Secretary of Central Committee of Social Departments in Pennsylvania.*

For the first time in the history of the Church in the State of Pennsylvania, since the division of the original ecclesiastical jurisdiction, the five Dioceses comprising what was the original Diocese of Pennsylvania, came together for consideration of those problems which are theirs in common. Christ Church, Williamsport, in the Diocese of Harrisburg, was the kindly host, the representatives present were the delegates from the five Diocesan Departments of Social Service and a number of interested laity and professional Social Workers, the time was an appropriate one, for the State Conference on Social Work was being held at the same place and time, April 15th to 18th.

The Trend of interest is significant. When the State was first divided into more than one Diocese, the purpose was to create newer jurisdictions in order that the immediate problems of each portion of the Commonwealth might have more direct consideration than could be effected over a wide-flung jurisdiction. One Bishop could not attend to all parts. For the purpose of effectiveness the State became divided into new Dioceses in order to meet the new needs developing within the State. Within these years of adaptation to the task there have come into operation a series of instrumentalities which have vastly affected the mode of successful action.

The telephone, telegraph and radio have dissolved the difficulties of thought communication, the rapid train service has brought down to the term of hours what took days to accomplish in earlier times. Every increase in speed tends as quickly to transfer problems and resources, every new invention that has to do with increased rapidity tends to reduce distances. Hereby entered a new phase in the mode of successful action. Thus the eastern and western, the southern and northern borders of the State seem to become closer, at least in time, and Philadelphia problems become to Pittsburgh less a matter of interest but more acutely a matter of serious regard. Erie, Scranton, Reading, Harrisburg and every community find themselves not distant relatives, but most actively akin. Hence the new turn of interest. The Church, through its Departments of Social Service, took this initial step toward meeting jointly those problems which face it commonly within the State.

What are some of the problems? Children. Only a recreant Church would neglect this interest. Marriage Laws. What type of Christian will overlook the foundation of the sanctity of the home? Care of the weak. Health. Recreation. The New Citizen. All of these are now everybody's problems because the East has come closer to the

West and the South is neighbor to the North.

Realizing the need for greater unity, the Williamsport Conference came into being through the action of "The Central Committee," a Committee of representatives from each of the Departments of Social Service of the Dioceses of Bethlehem, Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Each day of the Conference began with a Celebration of the Holy Communion and a short "Watch Word" address. The Rector of the hospitable Christ Church, the Rev. Hiram R. Bennett, spoke on the first day on the appropriate text "Behold My hands and feet," indicating that service to fellow men, done as it so frequently has to be done, at the cost of sacrifice, is not without its reward of sanctification.

The first session of the Conference was opened by the Reverend Eugene A. Heim, Chairman of the Department of Social Service of the Diocese of Bethlehem, who asked the Secretary to give an outline of the origin and development of the idea of the Conference. The Secretary stated that the Conference was the creation of the Central Committee, had been made a fact by a special committee of fifteen persons, a layman, a woman and a priest from each Diocese, with the Bishops members ex-officio. It was promoted to bring about mutual acquaint-

Memorial Windows in Church of the Incarnation



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ance among socially minded Church people and a greater knowledge of common problems and resources. The Chairman then introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Vice-Chairman of the Department of Social Service and Institutions of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and Advisor to the Central Committee. Mr. Woodruff's paper was on "The Responsibility of Diocesan Departments of Social Service for Public Opinion."

Mr. Woodruff said in part: "Your politician is constantly seeking to know what the people think, so that he may be guided in formulating his policies for the next election, or the next generation as may be the goal. He seeks to know what public opinion is."

"Within the past two generations there has been an encouraging re-emphasis placed on the social obligations and opportunities of the Church. This has been manifest in many ways, not the least notable of which has been the creation of social service machinery of country-wide extent."

"There is conscious effort on the part of the Church to realize her opportunities and her obligations, so that there will be a Christian Social mind and a

We give in this issue two illustrations of memorial windows recently placed in the Church of the Incarnation. They were the gift of Mrs. Clara Pauly Kilpatrick—the first given three years ago in memory of her husband, William Henry Kilpatrick, who for many years was a teacher in Girard College. The subject is appropriately "The Good Shepherd." The second window was placed in the Church after Mrs. Kilpatrick's death, and was provided for by a special legacy, and is in memory of her three brothers—Rev. George W. Pauly, at one time assistant at St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia; Louis Horace Pauly, and Carl S. Pauly. This is called "The Adoration" and represents the three adoring wise men worshipping the Infant Saviour.

These windows, executed by the Hardman Co., are real works of art, and complete the twelve beautiful memorial windows in the Church of the Incarnation.

The photographs were made by Mr. William Kohler, Mr. Henry Kohler and Horace Walton.

Church morale that will be effective factors. By a Christian social mind, I mean, an habitual attitude of mind towards men and events founded upon a recognition of the fact that 'We are members one of another'; that we love our brother with whom we live, because we love God; because we honor the brotherhood and because 'we follow after things which make for peace.'

Following Mr. Woodruff's paper the meeting was thrown open for discussion of the topic presented. The Rev. Paul Atkins, of York, Pa., spoke on the confidence created in the minds of public officials when the Church showed its interest in conditions. Law and order in a republic are enforced as much by local public opinion as by the direct action of law enforcing agencies and when the officials know that the Churches and the people of the locality want laws observed, there is large likelihood that there will be official action. The Rev. Mr. Bennett spoke on the unwisdom of the crusading method which, while spectacular, seldom produces permanent results. The Secretary added a word on methods of presenting information for public consumption.

The Rev. Charles N. Lathrop, Executive Secretary of the Department of Christian Social Service of the National Council, who visited the Conference as an observer, spoke on the power of opinion to do work and of the need to bring the present penal methods up to some sort of human standard.

"Diocesan and Parochial Responsibil-



ity for Welfare" was the subject for the second day's Conference. The topic was admirably presented by the Rev. Robert P. Kreidler, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Scranton, and a member of the Department of Social Service of the Diocese of Bethlehem. The Chairman of the meeting was the Rev. Paul S. Atkins, of the Department of Social Service of the Diocese of Harrisburg and Chairman of the Central Committee. Mr. Kreidler's paper opened with the statement that in a republic the normal group for action is the neighborhood. Today the Church stands as the unused asset. The neighborhood should expect high and large things of the churches. The churches should equip themselves to do large and high-minded type of action.

Miss Dorothea P. Coe, Visitor of Institutions for the Department of Social Service of the General Church, reported on her experiences in Church institutions in which she finds a range of efficiency.

Miss Christine Boyleston, Organizing Secretary of the National Council of Church Missions of Help, told of the work of this National Organization of the Church among unmarried mothers, especially in the rural fields.

The question of flexibility of a Church Institution was introduced by the Rev.

Mary Hath Chosen the Good Part

A MEDITATION

REV. JAMES A. MONTGOMERY, PH. D., S. T. D.

The Church of the day is living the exterior life and even wears her heart on her sleeve. With a shame for her two thousand years of experience she meets the world's claim on her services with a show of impressionability and would enter as an eager contestant among the institutions of the public life. She confesses, and often with right, the shortcomings of her past, among them, as she is led to believe, that she has had her eye too much on the Kingdom of Heaven. She is waking up to the Kingdoms of this World.

And that World is very fascinating, nor is it the first age of the Church that has found it so. So much beauty in God-given Nature; so much known and to be known in the name of Science; great reforms to be accomplished by institutionalized endeavor; the possibilities of "team-work" by the Church, with eye on the concrete objectives, ignoring as too mystical, too Early-Christian or Mediaeval, her original springs of action, the pulse of which the thumb of the World is too material to feel.

In many ways is this easy adaptability of the Church to be marked. The World criticizes her function of worship, a very transcendental activity. But the world like the Church may be interested in the external symbol of religion, the beautiful Church or Cathedral, and so encourage her to build it, but ignoring the heart of worship, as though the creature of art were sufficient for religion, as if the husk could fertilize the kernel. The men of the Middle Ages indeed built their Cathedrals, but they worshipped first, and their Abbeys grew on the spots where they had prayed. Are we building the tombs of the Prophets we stoned?

The one-time prerogative of the Church, sweet Charity, has passed far beyond her domain. And the World comes back with the Church's treasure laden with rich interest and wise secular experience, and bids her follow its method. Charity can be managed like politics or business. We are driven amidst the uproar of enthusiasm and in the shame of men to give till it hurts the pocket. Once the Christian gave because it was his heart that was hurt, a hurt keener than that of the pocket. Is Charity to become an Income Tax? And if so, and we must not blame the world if it thinks so, shall the Church herself forget

her motive of giving, that God Himself so loved the world?

Magnificent public causes in the name of Progress and Reform are calling upon the Church to become an Ethical or Sociological Society. Peace, Prohibition, World League or World Court, Politics, Business and Play, Women, Children and Birth-Control, all distract our attention from the ancient formula of the Church Year and the mysteries of its devotion. The Sermon is to be a Problem Novel, and Protestant Ministers, unlike their whilom patron saint, have become like his antagonists the Athenians, "pickers up of new things." The Church of the past did indeed hold most things human to be akin to herself; the Church historian might criticize her for too often becoming too human. Will she now take the world's dictation of what her Gospel is to be? Or, if she wisely reads the signs of the times, with faith and without alarm, shall she not still preach, Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, with proviso that only then shall all these other things be added unto us. The secluded courtyard of an Oriental home, looking over the blue mountains of Moab; in it a Man and two Women. One of these is bustling about on the good and necessary duties of life, emblem of our own stirring, nervous existence, to whom our immediate sympathy goes out. The other sits quietly at the Master's feet, looking up at Him, listening to Him. With good right, says the World, did Martha blame her sister Mary, and how many a good Christian among us would not say Amen to her reproach? But the Master ever masterfully challenges the World, and twist His teachings as we may, we must honestly admit that there remains a large balance of disagreement between Him and the very wise Twentieth Century. His answer is gentle enough: "Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." But the gentle answer has as much sting in it for our modern religion as other harsher words stung the Pharisees. The Lord Himself was not wont to moralize on the truths He uttered, but to dismiss the hearers with a "Go ye and learn what that means." At least we have something yet to learn, or learn again, the Church first and through her the World.

JAMES A. MONTGOMERY.

Mr. Bennett. Discussion developed the question as to why there need be any flexibility, why not a central fund from which should be paid the care in private homes for cases where private homes suit the person cared for, as children and old folks.

The State Conference on Social Work in connection with which the Church Conference on Social Work was held is

an annual meeting of the professional Social Workers of the State, held for the purpose of mutual acquaintance, exchange of ideas and discussion of methods. This year's Conference showed the highest registration in the history of the Conference.

The programme of the State Conference offered many valuable topics, as "The Church and Social Work," "The Pennsylvania Children's Commission,"

"Phases of Rural Work," "Hospital Social Service," "Conflict of Race and Color," "The Condition of the Foreign-born," "Youth and Public Recreations." Among speakers were offered Rabbi S. Goldenson, Brother Barnabas, Ellen C. Potter, M.D., Hon. C. F. Fox, Dr. Ralph P. Truit, Mr. Robert W. Kelso, John S. Bradway, Esq., W. W. Husband, S. K. Ratcliff, Dr. Louis Draschler and many other experts from many fields.

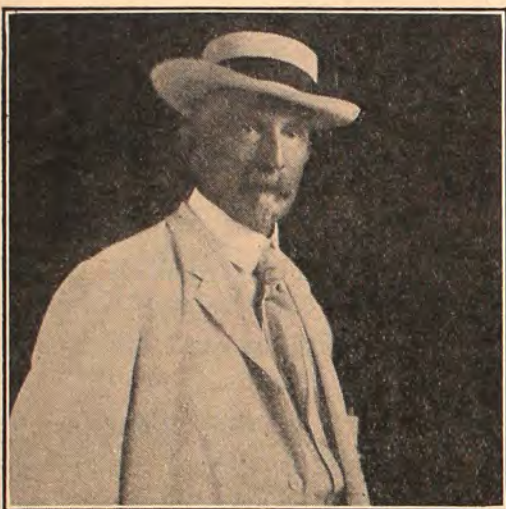
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FIFTY YEARS A VESTRYMAN



E. V. LANSDALE

The following resolution was adopted by the Vestry of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, in recognition of the semi-centennial of Mr. Lansdale's election to the Vestry:

"WHEREAS, On March 3, 1875, MR. EDWARD V. LANSDALE was elected a member of the Vestry of Grace Church, Mount Airy, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lansdale having on the third instant completed fifty years of continuous service as a member of this Body it is fitting that suitable recognition thereof be made, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church extend to Mr. Lansdale their felicitations upon the completion by him of a loyal service unprecedented in length of time in the history of Grace Church.

Mr. Lansdale has always been most faithful, not only in attendance upon the services of the Church, but in giving freely of his means, his time and ability to the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him as a member of the Vestry, with the best interests of the church always at heart. It is the earnest hope that Mr. Lansdale may be spared for many more years of health, of happiness and of service.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Minute be inscribed and handed to Mr. Lansdale."

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

The Seamen's Church Institute expects to open its new building by appropriate exercises on Monday, June 1, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon.

The first unit of the final structure which is now made available for the work of the Institute is located at the western end of its property at Dock and Walnut Streets. It includes five stories and basement, the two upper floors remaining unfinished at the present time.

The opening exercises will be held in the auditorium of the new building

which is the gift of the combined Auxiliaries of the Institute.

On this occasion also the John A. Brown, Jr., memorial wing will be dedicated, representing a contribution of \$50,000 from Mrs. John A. Brown, Jr. Also the School of Navigation, which will be located on the fourth floor of this wing, is a memorial of Mr. John A. Brown, Jr., who was one of the first contributors of the Building Fund.

Bishop Garland, as Honorary President of the Board of Managers will preside at the exercises and Mr. Alexander Van Rensselaer, President, will receive the presentation from Mrs. Brown and from Mrs. Ellis Jackson, representing the Auxiliaries. The keys of the new building will be presented by Col. Wm. P. Barba, Chairman of the Building Committee.

It is expected that Bishop Joseph F. Berry of the Methodist Church will offer the Invocation and Dr. Arthur C. Baldwin of the Walnut Street Baptist Church will offer the Benediction.

CONFIRMATIONS, MARCH 22 TO MAY 10, INCLUSIVE

March

22. St. Asaph	21
22. St. John, Cynwyd	10
22. St. Andrew, Manayunk	10
22. Incarnation, Phila.	15
22. St. Clement	23
22. Covenant	23
24. St. James, Phila.	26
25. St. Barnabas, Kensington...	12
26. Our Saviour, Jenkintown...	13
27. St. Paul, Ogontz	10
27. St. Luke, Germantown.....	39
29. St. Barnabas, Haddington..	12
29. Incarnation, Drexel Hill....	14
29. All Saints, Darby	16
29. St. Luke and Epiphany.....	27
31. Trinity, Collingdale	21

April

1. Norwood, St. Stephen	17
2. Eddystone, St. Luke	7
3. Bustleton, St. Luke	24
3. Holy Innocents	24
5. Resurrection, Phila.	32
5. St. Peter, Phila.	45
5. Epiphany, Germantown ...	24
5. St. Luke, Chester ..	11
5. Transfiguration Chapel	15
5. St. James, Prospect Park...	10

April

7. St. John, Lansdowne	30
8. Holy Trinity, Phila.	39
9. Christ, Germantown	23
11. St. Mark, Phila.	26
12. Christ, Phila.	27
12. Christ Chapel	1
12. St. Mary (Polish)	18
15. Incarnation, Morrisville	8
26. St. George, Venango	27
26. St. George, Richmond	53

May

10. St. Stephen, Clifton Heights	8
10. Atonement, Morton	12

FIFTY YEARS AN ORGANIST



A. T. GARDNER

This unique record, which is thus far believed to be unapproached anywhere in America, has been achieved by Professor Albert T. Gardner, Organist and Choirmaster of St. Matthew's Church, Eighteenth Street and Girard Avenue, whose cut appears above. He was born in 1858, and undertook his present position as organist at the age of seventeen, having commenced the study of music at the age of seven.

Through all these years Professor Gardner has been beloved by all who came in contact with him. The present choir, consisting of a solo quartet and a chorus of about twenty-five, gave a dinner Easter Monday evening in the Parish House in honor of Professor Gardner's long service. Toasts were made by the Rector, Rev. C. Herbert Reese, and by Dr. Wm. L. Taylor and Mr. Daniel J. Melloy, members of the Music Committee. The choir presented Mr. Gardner with a purse of gold.

The present year is one of anniversaries for St. Matthew's Church. It will celebrate its 100th anniversary in November with a week of special services and entertainments. One night of that week will be set aside and designated as "Gardner Night."

DEAN HATHAWAY WILL CONDUCT CRUISE

In reply to inquiries announcement is made that Dean Hathaway, who conducted a party on a cruise to the Mediterranean last year, will again conduct a party this July, as originally planned. A number of persons have already completed arrangements to be in the party. The entire trip will cover 92 days.

The Woman's Auxiliary Department

Edited by CLARA M. BREED

A Watchword for Summer

As this page goes to print, we have closed another Lenten season of introspection; and, reading as we must in our church papers of the unrest everywhere, it behooves us of the Woman's Auxiliary to stand together for the "Faith once delivered," but also to enlarge our vision of the work to be done. It might be well to take for our watchword during the summer, Wesley's creed, "I must have a whole Christ for my salvation, a whole Bible for my staff, a whole church for my fellowship and the whole world for my parish." The harvest is waiting and is so large while our human nature often seems so small, that we cannot visualize the accomplishments of Christ's work. Remember the

three stone-cutters who were asked separately what they were doing; the first said he was working for so much money a day; the second said he was chipping stone, but the third one said that he was building a Cathedral!

Let us keep in mind Christ's parting command to make disciples of all nations and to spread the Gospel to the whole creation. There is work for every one of us, no matter how poor or how weak we may seem in our own eyes. If we are truly animated by the spirit of God, we can, by prayer, by alms, by sympathy or by active labor feel with the third stone-cutter that "We are building a cathedral."

UNITED THANK OFFERING SERVICE

The Twenty-first Annual Service of the Women of the Diocese, with the Presentation of the United Thank Offering, was held in Old Christ Church on April 23rd. The Bishop was the Celebrant. Because of the recent illness of the rector, Doctor Washburn, who had expected to preach, the Rev. Amos Goddard, a missionary on furlough from Kuikiang, made the address. His subject was China. He presented a very illuminating comparison of the China of Twenty years ago and the China of today, concluding with emphasis upon the part the women of the Church have had—by their prayers and their gifts—in the transformation.

The offerings presented at the service amounted to \$11,082.87, with about sixty parishes yet to be heard from. Later advices are to the effect that about \$2000 more have been received.

DOMESTIC COMMITTEE

The work selected last month by the Domestic Committee was that in Nevada. There being no speaker from that district at the meeting, Mrs. Ingersoll read us a letter from Archdeacon Smithe of Las Vegas, Nevada. The missionary work in Nevada is largely carried on in the mining towns, whose existence may only be ten or fifteen years, which makes it necessary to carry on religious training in temporary quarters, such as halls with screened-off chancels; there is also work in McGill among foreign born, principally Greeks and Austrians. There is a state University in Reno of 700 students, 20 per cent. of whom have Episcopal affiliation. Our helping them enables them to work in their home parishes. The Domestic Committee

agreed to give five hundred to maintenance in Nevada, specifying the Archdeacon's salary.

It is the custom of the Domestic Committee, when their meeting occurs in Holy Week, to have a religious talk by a clergyman. The Rev. Nathaniel B. Groton, of St. Thomas', Whitmarsh, favored us with an inspiring address on the essence of Christian service.

COLORED COMMITTEE

The sad news has come to us that the only brick building at Fort Valley High had recently been burned to the ground. No one, however, was injured, which is something to be very thankful for.

The askings for May are for St. Philip's School for Girls and for the Diocese of West Texas. St. Philip's School for Girls in San Antonio, Texas, formerly the property of Miss Artemesia Bowden, has been accepted as a Diocesan and Provincial School and is the only school in the entire Province of the Southwest to which the Institute makes an appropriation. The value of the property is about \$15,000. High School grades and Industries are taught. It costs about \$8000 yearly to run the School and if it could be enlarged it would be able to do a splendid work. To enlarge it sufficiently to quadruple its work would only cost \$12,500.

As out of the 125 teachers 54 receive less than \$600 yearly and even the public schools pay higher than this, it increases the difficulty of getting good teachers on the present income.

A parson wrote to the bishop asking him to come and hold a "quiet day." The bishop declined, saying: "Your parish does not need a quiet day but an earthquake."

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE

Rev. Wood Stewart, the head of the Social Service Department of the Diocese and Mr. Hutton Kennedy, of the Church Service League, were the speakers at the Diocesan Committee at the April meeting. The function of the Service League has been, ideally at least, to make the missions and the societies and the organizations of the Diocese, from the Girls' Friendly Society to the City Mission, aware of one another co-operatively and to bring about the same sort of co-operation in the Parish organizations in each Parish.

The function of the Department of Christian Social Service has been to recommend to the members of the Church in all the Parishes, the community and legislative measures that should have their backing and to study the work and the needs of the social service agencies within the Church that have been organized by Church members for the benefit of the community.

It is very plain from the speeches of both these men that the Committees which each represented were working without the full and sympathetic support of the Parishes.

Our social service workers out at the Philadelphia General Hospital have asked us for two chairs for the Chapel. That is a fine work which they do, but we must have a Chaplain there to make it what it should be.

INDIANS' HOPE ASSOCIATION

When Bishop Bennett was here a few weeks ago, he gave us an interesting account of the work among the Ojibwa Indians in the Diocese of Duluth which is the northern two-thirds of Minnesota and is 57,000 square miles in extent. The mission work among the 13,000 In-

dians of this tribe is divided between our Church and the Roman Catholic; there being also two small Methodist missions. We have about 2000 baptized Indians, the Roman Catholics slightly less. We have fifteen stations all presided over by Indians, and in charge of the Rev. W. B. Heagerty, M.D., Missionary for Indian Work. At White Earth is located one of our two Indian Theological Schools, Parshall Memorial Divinity School. Three candidates are to be ordained at the next Convocation.

The Bishop told us that one old Indian priest had been trying for a long time to persuade his son to become a candidate for the ministry. With tears streaming down his face the son told his old father that he would like to do so, but he knew the salaries were too little for him to properly provide for his wife and children, as he remembered how his mother and father had done without necessities, had shivered in winter because of inadequate clothing, and had not always had enough to eat. Since the Indians' Hope has taken up Priority No. 5, this son, Joe Smith, is a candidate for the ministry.

All but two of the Government schools are closed, because the Christian Indians who wanted the schools were outvoted by the pagan Indians who wanted their money instead. These Ojibwa Indians can be made fine citizens and should not be allowed to fall victims to their false dreams and pessimism. There is a big opportunity to teach them Christian ethics and morals in the next fourteen years; at the end of that time the Government treaty with them that has been in existence thirty-five years will end and they will each be allotted his or her share of the tribal money.

GERTRUDE BANKS DOUGHERTY.

MISSION STUDY CLASSES HOLD CLOSING SESSION

The Mission Study Classes had their closing session on Monday evening, April 20, 1925, at Holy Trinity Parish House. For several reasons it was a very happy occasion, as the program shows. It opened with a joyous Easter hymn followed by a meditation by the Rev. Mr. Bird, on "Sacrifice," the watchword of the Course.

Then came the report of the year's work, compiled from reports of the parish secretaries and leaders, by Mrs. E. D. Crawford, the Field Secretary. This report was both interesting and encouraging.

This was followed by the report of The Church School Service League, given by Miss Lily Cheston. This also was full of interest and encouragement. Then came the Pageant, "The Message

of the Christ Child," charmingly presented by the Juniors of S. Martin's in the Field.

While the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," was being sung the Offering from the classes for Chinese Missions was taken up and presented by the Rev. Mr. Gossling. This amounted to over \$1200.00. It was decided to use the undesignated money in the plate to send two Chinese students to Church Summer Conferences.

Mr. Hung, one of the students at the Philadelphia Divinity School, spoke informally but very earnestly of the importance of Chinese students coming in contact with real Christianity in their American life.

The speaker of the evening, Miss Elsie Dexter, of the Wuchang General Hospital, held the sympathetic attention of all, while she told of past and present work in Missions for an all-too-brief half hour.

The evening closed with a thanking for the year's work by the Rev. Lloyd Smith and the Rev. Amos Goddard, from China pronounced the benediction. The leaders enjoyed having with them Fr. Ward, so often an Intercessor for the Normal Classes.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

For its Lenten work the Church Periodical Club of this Diocese has collected books of travel, biography, history, fiction and juvenile stories which are to be sent to Bishop Beecher of Western Nebraska. They will be arranged into traveling libraries and will be used by clergymen and their families who live in remote districts and have no access to public libraries.

Rev. W. F. Allen, Chaplain at Byberry Farms and at the Municipal Hospital, was the speaker at the March meeting of librarians. He told of his interesting problems, and of his need for various kinds of reading matter. The patients at Byberry like illustrated magazines, and the attendants there need interesting books to refresh them for their difficult work. There is a large demand for books and magazines of all kinds at the Municipal Hospital. According to a common belief only very old and worn books should be sent there, as they are burned as soon as they are read. This is not true. The books are sent to one department and remain there, so that they are handled only by persons with the same disease, and could not possibly spread it. Therefore the patients here need attractive new books to brighten them at a time when they are naturally depressed and worried.

Books and magazines for any purpose may be sent to the librarians of the

various parishes or to Mrs. A. F. Kempton, Church House, Philadelphia. She is in her office from 10 to 12 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to receive visitors and to give information of any kind regarding the work.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The annual report of the Girls' Friendly Society in the Diocese of Pennsylvania for 1924 shows a total membership of 5006, including 1527 Candidates. There are 78 Active Branches; 8 were organized in 1924, 2 were disbanded. Three hundred and thirty-one members were admitted by the Service; 177 were confirmed.

Income of the Branches was \$19,739; expenses \$10,680. Diocesan receipts \$1838; expenses \$1570. Gifts for Parochial purposes \$3563; for Missions \$3811; for Social Service \$3703; for other purposes \$3453; making a total of \$14,530.

The Holiday House at Cape May entertained 481 guests at a cost of \$4755. Receipts from board were \$3529; from other sources \$1344. The treasurer of the Girls' Friendly Society Lodge reported receipts from board \$13,035; interest, etc., \$52; expenses were \$11,938, including bills paid by the Trustees; \$1550 was deposited for a reserve fund. The G. F. S. Rest Room endowment amounts to \$7295.

The Annual Service for Members and Associates, held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, April 23, was attended by at least 1000, representing 54 branches. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Haughey, of St. Mary's, Ardmore. Bishop Garland presided over the Service, and gave a greeting to the Society.

The Annual Service of the Candidate Classes was held in the Church of St. David's, Manayunk, on Saturday afternoon, May 2. Nearly 500 children were present. The Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, D.D., made the address. The offering was for social service work in Wuchang, China.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB GIVES DIOCESAN TEA

The Diocesan Tea, given on April 21st by the Churchwoman's Club, proved even a greater success than the last, owing to a greater number of parishes being represented. The rooms were most artistically decorated with a profusion of Spring flowers and they, together with the enthusiastic attention of the young girls as waitresses, lent a charm not soon to be forgotten. The Club is growing in its membership and is creating a friendship and unity of purpose commensurate with its policy.

The Young People's Fellowship

VISITS OF DIOCESAN OFFICERS

The members of the Diocesan Council have been busy visiting parish societies to make the acquaintance of all the Young People of the Diocese. The president of the Fellowship has recently visited several parishes where the Young People's activities have great promise.

Memorial Church of St. Paul

Together with Miss Stackhouse, the Secretary of the Fellowship, he made a pleasant visit to St. Paul's Church, Fifteenth and Porter Streets, Philadelphia, where they had a Sunday evening service of the Young People's Service League of the parish. The meeting was devotional, was carried on by very efficient officers, and one of the members read the lesson, a part of one of St. Paul's Epistles, in a very charming manner. It sounded like the real friendly message St. Paul really meant it to be. Every one who heard it was pleased at having done so. One of the older members of the parish, a retired Navy officer, was present at the meeting and gave a very interesting talk on some recollections of Communion services he had attended on the high seas and in the heart of Africa. It was a helpful thing to know that our Communion service is so happily used in so many places and under so many different conditions in the world. This talk also suggests great possibilities for Young People's meetings.

Trinity Church, Collingdale

Sunday evening visits were also made to two parishes outside of the city, whose young people have not yet allied themselves with the Young People's Fellowship, but who will soon do so, it is hoped.

Mr. Williams visited Trinity Church, Collingdale, and urged the young people to join with the other young people of the Diocese in our great movement. At Collingdale there is a splendid opportunity with their fine tennis courts and large grounds belonging to the Church. Some day there will be a handsome big Church there with a responsible, influential congregation, and now is an excellent time for the younger generation there, who will some day be the officers and leaders of that parish, to begin to store up a knowledge of Church affairs in the whole Diocese,

St. James', Prospect Park

Another suburban parish with a large future is St. James', Prospect Park, where two of the Fellowship officers visited recently. There is a Bible Class

at St. James', which will soon become a very powerful parish organization and which the Fellowship needs as a member. A society built primarily around the ideas of worship and study, if carried out also into the other purposes of the Fellowship, would have a marked effect upon the community. So we expect to see big things done by the Young People down at Prospect Park. We need the Young People of St. James' in the Fellowship and we hope they will give us their help.

Calvary, Germantown

The secretary recently visited the Young People's organization of Calvary, Germantown, which was organized less than a year ago, but where a fine work is being done by this active group of Young People. In the April issue of THE CHURCH NEWS an interesting article told of the various activities of the Young People of Calvary, and the secretary found just such a Sunday night meeting as was outlined in that article—a half-hour devotional service, followed by a supper, an address to the Young People, and then the long program but one which appears to be working out splendidly among the members of this active organization.

Epiphany, Germantown

The Young People of Epiphany Church, under the leadership of their new rector, Rev. Mr. Twelves, have recently reorganized and on a Sunday night in March the secretary visited this Fellowship in our Diocese. The spirit among these young people as they meet on Sunday evenings is splendid. They conduct their own devotional service and then follow with the discussion of an interesting topic—a discussion in which all the members take active part. While this is one of the newer organizations in the Diocese, it should not be very long before we hear some splendid reports of the activities of this group.

The reports of all these visits show the fine spirit which seems to exist "all along the line" among the Young People of the Diocese and indicate the progress which is being made by the Fellowship in its important work throughout the various parishes.

THE PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Quite a number of young people from the Diocese of Pennsylvania attended the Provincial Conference for Young People, held in Baltimore on May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The program of the Conference was an interesting one.

ST. STEPHEN'S, PHILA.

Since the beginning of the year the Young People's Society of St. Stephen's, Phila., has shown a revival of interest and activity. Pending the completion of the Community House, the members are making an effort to expand and vary their program. Once a month there is a business meeting, and the other Wednesday nights are given to recreation and such like. During the past three months there have been two or three club dinners, dances, games, and so on, which have been well attended. Recently there was a turkey dinner which was much enjoyed by a score or more of members.

Among the regular annual features of the club program are the fair to provide funds for a Christmas entertainment and gifts for poor children, and the entertainment of a group of mothers from South Philadelphia, which this year fell on the evening of March 25th.

BOYS PROMOTE SERVICE FOR BOYS

In connection with the general observance of Boys' Week, the older boys of the Chapel of the Mediator, with the enthusiastic approval and support of the Vicar, the Rev. Granville Taylor, planned for and promoted a service for boys, which was held on Sunday evening, April 26th. Mr. Taylor said there were more boys present in the Church than he had seen at any time within the last few years, with the exception of the Church School services.

The boys did the ushering, took up the offering and did other things which boys could appropriately do.

It is planned to hold a special boys' service more frequently than once each year, and to strive to use it to build up the Church School classes for boys and to advance the work for boys in the parish.

LEADER IS NEEDED FOR BOYS' CLUB

A boys' club is being organized in the northeast section of the City of Philadelphia and the service of some layman for leader is urgently needed. This club is composed of boys ranging from 12 to 20 years of age. THE CHURCH NEWS is informed it is an organization full of promise and affords an excellent opportunity for service to a devoted layman interested in young people and in surrounding them with Church influences. The Editor will give information to any layman interested.

In the Rural Fields of the Diocese

Edited by THE REV. GEORGE N. HOLCOMB

The Episcopal Church in the Country

BY THE REV. CHARLES E. SPALDING, of Kennett Square

We present a brief leading article this month, by one of the clergy of the Diocese, who delivered an address on "Rural Work" at the last Diocesan Convention. Cannot others among our rural clergy send us similar short articles, written from the standpoint of their own personal experience and ideals, upon the mission and functions of the Episcopal Church in the country?

Such contributions will be welcomed.—ED.

It is often said that the Episcopal Church is not successful in rural communities, and this is often true, for the Church by its constitution and make up is not a social Church, and this is a social age. Shall the Episcopal Church, then, withdraw from rural communities? Have we nothing to offer to faithful souls who live in the country? Shall the Church forsake its own and leave its members to live unshepherded in the midst of conflicting claims of divers religious organizations? This is the question before the Church today. If we are a missionary Church we must shep-

herd the souls committed to our care. If we are an exclusive sect, to minister only to those who gather in city Churches, then we must give up the rural work and the missionary work of the Church. If we believe that the Church is the Church of God, we cannot evade our responsibility for the souls of men.

In this age when social service is emphasized, often at the expense of spiritual teaching and spiritual ideals, the Episcopal Church, by its dignity in worship and its historic lineage, has its place in rural work, and where it is properly presented has a tremendous influence. As in the city the Episcopal Church has a prestige far beyond its numbers, so in rural communities is it regarded with respect by those who differ from its polity and worship. There is a type in the country to whom it appeals, just as there is a type in the city to whom it appeals, and the Church has a prestige in the country far beyond its numbers, just as it has in the city.

If the Church is a national Church, an historic Church, and the Church of God, it must hold its own in the country as well as in the City.

ST. MARK'S, HONEYBROOK

The Ladies' Aid Society, which may be said to be both a Church and community organization, holds, at present, all-day meetings on Saturdays. This society raised about \$700 last year.

The Easter congregation this year was the largest remembered by the members of the Church. The Easter offering, on Easter Day alone, amounted to about \$400, which is far in excess of that of past years.

The Wyebrooke Grange, the local subordinate grange, recently gave a banquet to the rector and his wife, in appreciation of their decision to remain at St. Mark's instead of undertaking the charge of the Country Center Mission.

MEET TO STUDY MISSIONS

The Woman's Auxiliaries of Concordville, Chadd's Ford, Kennett Square and Kelton meet on the third Wednesdays of each month to study missions. The meetings are always well attended. The members of the study class bring a box lunch, and after the luncheon spend two hours in the discussion of missionary work. The subject this year is China.

St. John's Church, Kelton, which is in

the same pastoral charge with Kennett Square, has put in a new furnace this winter, and is planning to re-decorate the Church building before the Bishop's visitation in May. Kelton lies in a Quaker and Presbyterian neighborhood, but the Church is serving a large territory as a community Church.

The mid-week cottage services in Oxford during Lent were very well attended. While there is no Church building in Oxford, the Church people hold together, and are exceedingly faithful in their attendance at the services, and zealous in their love for the Church.

BANGOR CHURCH, CHURCH-TOWN

A very large and most unusual congregation greeted the rector on Good Friday for the service at 10 A. M. and on Easter morning at 7.30 A. M. service. Mrs. Shirk and Mrs. Agate assisted the choir by rendering a special selection during the offering, which amounted to over \$20.00. At this service a pair of solid brass Eucharistic candlesticks, especially made in Lancaster for the church, and candles were consecrated and used for the first time. They were presented by Mrs. Ella D. S. Barr in

sacred memory of her beloved parents, James A. and Mary Stone, which the church most deeply appreciated. The church and altar were beautifully decorated with flowers.

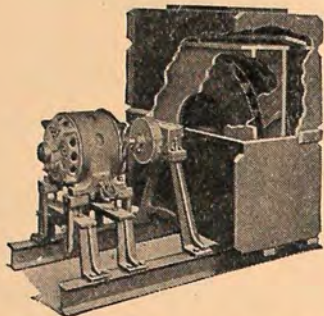
A complete new shingle roof has been placed upon the parish house. The slate roof on the Church itself has been extensively repaired, the cemetery wall repaired and other improvements made. The congregations are speedily growing under the ministration of Mr. Agate, the rector.

ST. MARY'S, WARWICK

The Lenten services at St. Mary's Church, Warwick, were most interesting, refreshing and helpful spiritually. Every service was well attended and appreciated by the people, especially the Good Friday service, at which mostly all the communicants were present, notwithstanding the pouring rain.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was provided for the children of the Church School and community in the rectory yard, when prizes were also awarded the successful children, Saturday afternoon before Easter. A peanut scramble also added to the pleasure of the children, which the many children thoroughly enjoyed.

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When he became a member he at once became an active member. Upon the death of Dr. John Ashhurst in 1900 he was elected Chairman of the Committee of Administration, and served as such for nearly a quarter of a century up to the time recently when illness compelled him to retire from active work. During all that time he was unremitting in attending to his duties. He took few vacations and was in touch with the Hospital by telephone almost every day, and was present there several days in every week. He made an ideal Chairman, for he was a master of detail, in fact enjoyed it. No matter coming under his department was too small to claim his interest and attention, while to larger matters as well he contributed unlimited time coupled with most excellent judgment.

The Board of Managers owe him a great debt of gratitude, which they can express in no other way than by placing on their records this minute of appreciation.

MRS. ERNEST LAW

The death of Mrs. Ernest Law, a parishioner of St. Mary's, Wayne, and formerly Chairman of the Philadelphia Section of the Navy League and the first Chairman of the Auxiliaries of the Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia, occurred on April 3, 1925. Bishop Garland and the Rev. George C. Carter, a brother of Mrs. Law, officiated at the funeral services which were held in the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, on Tuesday, April 7th.

The following Resolution and Tribute was adopted at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Seamen's Church Institute:

"The Board of Managers of the Seamen's Church Institute, through its Executive Committee, desires to express the sorrow of its members at the death of Mrs. Ernest Law, and their deep sympathy with the members of her family. Her splendid personality and whole-souled interest and support were outstanding factors in the successful launching of the Institute, and in enlisting in its cause many of its contributors and members of its Board. As the first President of the Auxiliaries her inspir-

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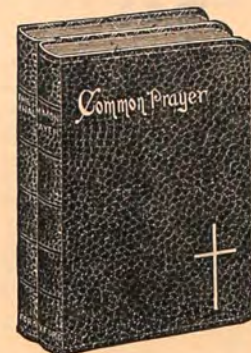
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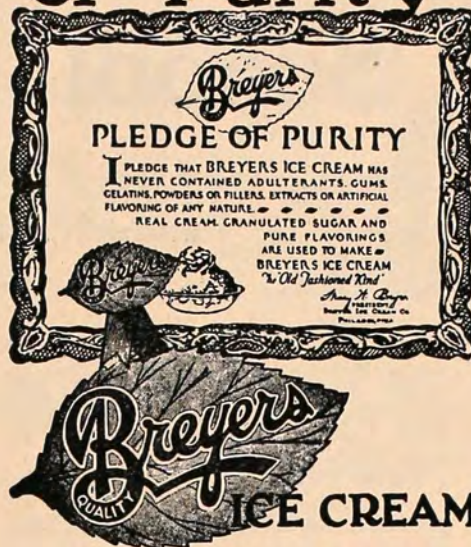
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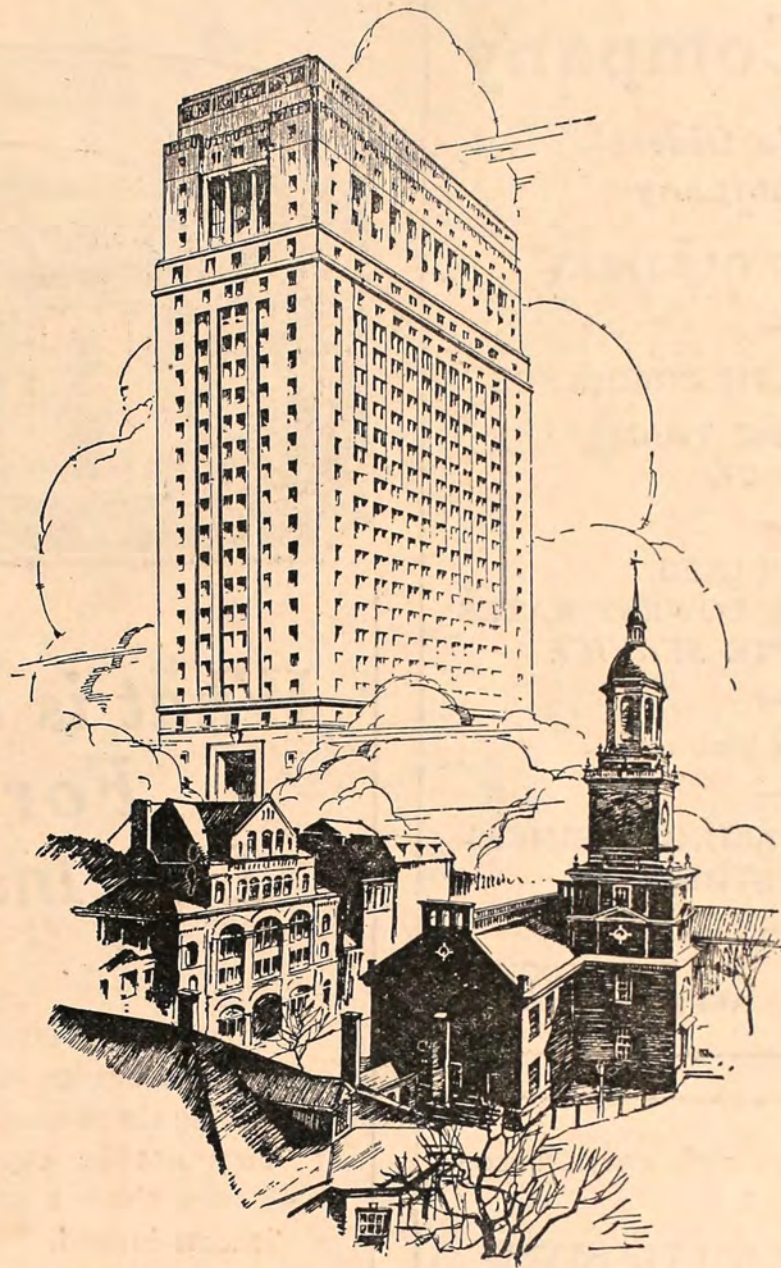
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